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Mrs Gandhi loses her seat in Congress disaster

frs Gandhi, the Indian Prime linister, was defeated by 55,000 otes in her Uttar Pradesh constiiency as election results were ounted early today, and her Conress Party suffered serious losses,

particularly in the north. The opposition won all the Delhi seats. Mrs Gandhi's son, Sanjay, failed in his first attempt to gain election to Parliament and several ministers lost their parliamentary seats.

Sanjay is also defeated

V [] No No North Com Richard Wigg elhi, March 20.

Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Prime inster, suffered a stunning feat in her home constituency the opposition Janata Party peared to be heading for vic-ry in the Indian general elecns early today.

She lost her seat in Rae well shortly after her younger n Sanjay was heavily defeated the neighbouring constitu-

Mrs Gandbi lost by 55,000 tes to Mr Raj Narain whom e defeated by 110,000 in 71 when her party won a ndslide two-thirds majority. r Narain was held for 20 onths as a political prisoner ider the 1975 state of emer-

Mr Sanjay Gendbi, whose nergence as a close adviser his mother had become an portant campaign issue, was feated by 76,000 votes in his st anismpt to gain election to irliament. Early today the Janata Party illed on the Prime Minister

Mr D. K. Borooah, the Conress Party chairman who him-clf appears to be winning in is Assam constituency, went the Prime Minister's resiience with one of the party eneral secretaries as soon as the arrived in Delhi just before aidaight.

With results declared for 200 eats in 542-member Parliament, anata which fought the elec-ion on a "democracy verus licratorship" platform, had aptured 100 sears against 75 for

he Congress Party.
The breaksway Congress for
Democracy had one seet. The
remainder went to independent, communist and regional groups.
Several of Mrs Gandhi's
ninisters were defeated. The
lefeat of Mr Bansi Lel, the refence Minister, who lost by 30,000 wites in Harvara, lowed the strength of feeling on northern India against the nergency which Mrs Gaudhi aposed in June 1975.

Mr Lai was one of her chief

lvisers on the emergency and linked in friendship with Mr enjay Gandhi, who had coun-lied his mother not to spend the emergency.

Thousands of delighted oppoion supporters took to the eets of Delhi last night on aring that the Janata cople's) Party had swept all ngress won them all in the 71 elections.

is cars carrying the green d orange Janata flag went ough the streets, people in eroud kept on asking what d happened to Mrs Gandhi



Face of victory: Mr Jagjivan Ram, former Cabinet colleague of Mrs Gandhi who is now an opposition leader, photographed as results were coming in last night.

of Communications and former Congress Party chairman, con-ceded defeat to his Janata Party rival in Madhya Pradesh. His opponent commented: "I am glad the people voted without

So far as a trend can be seused at the moment, the opposition appears to have benefited most in the north where the impact of the emer-gency declared in June, 1975, was felt with full force. Congress, however, was not obtaining as much support as expec-ted in the south.

Janata and the other main opposition grouping, the breakaway Congress for Democracy, have meanwhile begun talks on how to proceed if victory is theirs.

A Congress Party spokesman immediately warned people taking part in the last round of voting that the opposition groups would succumb to a bitter power struggle " if they won. He emphasized yet again back Congress.

Janata has indicated that Mr Morarji Desai, the former Con-gress leader who broke with Mrs Gandhi in 1969, will be its candidate for the post of Prime

Mr Jagjivan Ram, the Congress for Democracy leader and former Minister of Agriculture, might well play the pivotal role later this week because of his links with the Congress Party-He proved extremely coy when journalists asked him on Saturday whether he would be prepared to form a govern-ment "as Prime Minister if the d her son. combined opposition parties Dr S. D. Sharma, the Minister wanted it that way". What he

The programme called for making the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 3236 of 1974 the basis of efforts to realize Palestinian rights. This resolution recognition their rights and acknowled

zed their rights and acknow-ledged the PLO as their sole

Another point in the pro-gramme called for an increase

in guerrilla operations in Israel-occupied Arab territories and rejected what it described as United States "sell-out

It also underlined the PLO's

determination to foil attempts to settle the crisis at the expense of the Palestinians.

The programme said the Palestine National Charter was

still the basis of Palestinian strategy. The charter was adopted in 1964. It stipulated that there should be no peace and no negotiations with Israel.

This led Israel to describe

The programme also affirmed

the importance of national unity politically and militarily

between all groups of the

solutions."

wants, apparently, is to be able to move in any direction de-pending on the election results. Mr Ram pointedly said that his group was setting no dead-lines for joining its ranks. The opposition is committed to an immediate end to the

all political detainees. Furthermore it has said that if it gets a sufficient majority, it will repeal the amendments made to the constitution in November power.

At the beginning of what could be an intense week of political manoeuvring increasing arrention is being paid to the precise conditions under which Mr Jatti, the acting president, will decide whom to call upon to form the next

government.
If Mrs Gandhi obtains sufficient Congress members back in the parliament she could claim to be entitled to the c2H as the leader of the biggest opposition is really only an electorial alliance. opposition

The opposition argues, however, that if Congress fails to obtain an absolute majority the acting President will be obliged to respect the people's verdict and call on the leader acting of an opposition party or group-ing which could command a majority in the new House. For the first time Congress has protested against "unfair voting practices" allegedly favouring the opp ion in Uttar Pracesh and Busar states. Mr Charan Singh, the deputy leader of Janata, is the chief target of the accusations of

Economists call for £3,000m tax reliefs

By David Clake Economics Correspondent

A call to the Chancellor to reflate the economy with tax cuts of some 23,000m comes today from leading economists in Cambridge.

In its latest Review, the Cambridge Economic Policy Group says the Budget ought to contain net lay cuts of some

contain net tax cuts of some £2,000m "over and above" £1,000m of extra tax allowances necessary to take account of

inflation.

The authors of the Review, The authors of the Keiners, who include Mr Wynne Godley, Director of Cambridge University's Department of Applied Economics, and Mr Francis Cripps, economic adviser to Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of Crota for Rustry, give warning Wedgwood Lienn, Secretary of State for Energy, give warning that import controls will have to be introduced in coming years if the United Kingdom is to have any chance of bringing down unemployment without an unacceptable depreciation of the pound

an unacceptable depreciation of the pound.

They say that if what they call "conventional policies" are pursued, unemployment could rise steadily to about two million by 1985. In order to bring it down, they argue, the economy will have to grow at around 5 per cent a year for the next 10 years.

next 10 years.
The Review sets its face firmly against the idea that a rise in unemployment is inevi-table or necessary to bring down

inflation—or of only secondary importance.

As well as the problems experienced by those who cannot find work, the country's read national income is estima-ted to be 10 per cent lower man it would have been if unemployment had been kept to 750,000.

The recession is stated to have made inflation worse rather than better by cutting the amount of real income available without reducing claims to the same extent. In a thorough-going attack on monetarist views of inflation, the authors claim there is no evidence that inflation was caused by excessive growth in the money supply, or that the rapid growth in money supply in 1972 to 1974

money supply in 1972 to 1974
vas caused by excessive public
sector deficies.
They believe that deficits
have not been too large in the
recent past, considering the
depth of recession, and are
particularly critical of critics—
including The Times—who
argued for bigger cuts in
government spending than
were carried out.
Looking forward for the next
five or 10 years, the authors
give warning that British
industry has been so weakened
by years of stagnation and low

by years of stagnation and low investment that by the closing years of this decade supply constraints would begin to towards anything like full employment.

These would result in such an increase in imports that the balance of payments would be endangered even with the beneficial effects of North Sea oil. The only way to get fast growth and a return to full employment was by introducing import controls. These would have limited impact in the next few years, but would become progressively more valuable as time went by They would need to be extended to a growing proportion of all imports to be effective.

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Government considers deals with Liberals and Unionists as means to avoid election

Political Staff

A sombre and fatalistic mood was settling over Labour Cabinet ministers and back-benchers, last night as Mr Callaghan stayed at Chequers trying to work out whether a deal with either the Liberals. or the Ulster Unionists could save the Government on Wednesday's confidence motion.

Mr Steel, the Liberal leader, yesterday demanded "at open and public agreement." demanded " an as the price of support in the lobbies. Although Liberals hope to see Labour backbeachers put pressure on the Government to aroid a general election, the feeling among some ministers is that the Liberals may have over-played their hand.

Labour left-wingers were saying that a specific agreement to govern on the Liberals' terms is intolerable. A weekend of startled manuscryring went on among all parties after what. Cabinet ministers now admit was tary tactics last week in avoid-ing a vote on public expendi-ture. a grievous error of parliamen-

The Liberals, the Ulstermen. and not least the Conservatives, have ended up facing a "moment of truth", in Mr Callaghan's phrase, almost by accident. Last week's vote has provoked the opposition parties into demonstrating that they are prepared to challenge the Government; Labour MPs were saying bitterly over the week-end that a general election is now entirely probable.

Thatcher, to table another motion for an immediate election, but it would cause controversy.

of the Ulster Unionists and the

ually a government had to stand up and be counted.

The royal tour of Australia The visits to Western will not be cut short if an Australia, the Northern Terelection is called in Britain, ritory and Papua New Guinea would go ahead as Mr Ronald Allison, the planned. The tour is due to Queen's press secretary, said yesterday (Reuter reports).

a close associate of Mr Cal-laghan, said on BBC radio yesterday that it was up to Mr Steel to decide whether there would be a general election. If there was, "so be it". Eventfacts of the political situation. The Government did not have a parliamentary majority, but it had enacted the greater part of its manifesto. The important things that remained to be

Mr Rees pointed to the erosion of Labour's parliamentry position with by-elections pending and the illness of some MPs, Mr Thomas Lit-terick has suffered a beartattack and is unlikely to be able-to vote. Other Labour MPs may have to be brought to the House by ambulance. The arithmetic did not look good for Wednesday's vote he said. If the vote is lost an election will follow, although at Stormont was not possible,

Mr Molyneaux, parliamentary leader of the United Ulster Unionist Coalidon, intends to see the Prime Minister and Mrs least one Cabinet minister was arguing at the weekend that the Queen might send for Mrs Thatcher to form a government before an election; she could then go to the country as Prime Technically, the Government could hang on and force Mrs

Government. Mr Rees said the issue was The Liberals have served or a "question of deals", but public notice that they want not

last until March 31.

done, such as negotiating a could third phase of pay policy, years, did not necessarily require legislation. On the matter of the Ulster Unionists, with whom some left-wingers would be prepared to

see an accommodation, as the less dangerous of the two options, Mr Rees agreed that Northern Ireland was underrepresented at Westminster, and said that although a return to want to see a devolved administration in Northern Ireland".

Thatcher today. But, despite Mr Enoch Powell's well-known wish to support the Lebour Government, and the mistrust felt by other Unionists towards the Tories, who deprived them of Stormont, most of them seem little disposed to support the

only a holt to specifically social-Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, Liberals looking at the hard ist legislation, which the purlia-

want concessions in four main areas. Those are for a resur-rected devolution Bill, with proportional representation; elec-tions in to the European parlia-ment; progress on industrial democracy; and tax reforms,

Mr John Pardos, the party's economic spokesman, said on EEC radio vesterday that a major shift from income tax to a greatly increased employers' national insurance contribution could halve income tax in two

Mr Reg Prentice, the former Labour Cabinet minister, has come out alongside the Liberal's in his quest for a realignment towards the centre in British politics. His threat is more likely to be of abstention than of voting with the Tories. If the Liberals precipitate an

election, not only do some of their MPs, such as Mr Russell Johnston, face defeat, but the prospect is of Mrs Thatcher coming to power with a big majority and the Liberals hav-ing no influence whatsocver. That argument is all Labour ministers can count ou: they hope that "political reality" will lead Liberals not to ask for too much, because it simply is not politically available.

The Unionists, though truculent, could get an offer in the next few days. But it may not

deliver enough votes. Without Mr Prentice, the two Scottish Labour Party MPs, and Mr Litterick, the Government is at

Ulster demands, page 2 Leading article, page 15

Curb on socialism among Mr Steel's terms Mr Steel replied that until

By David Wood Political Editor

Government's hope of defeating Mrs Thatcher's "no confidence" motion in the Commons on Wednesday night end staving off a general election was provisionally deshed yesterday by Mr Steel, the Liberal Party leader, when he set out his terms for a deal with Mr Calla-

Mr Stecl said he had con-

at the Commons during the past 24 hours and "our view is that we shall vote against the Government." But further talks are to take place behind the scenes at Westminster today and tomorrow.

Mr Steel based the disposal of the Liberal Party's vote on the national interest when he appeared on the Independent Television programme Week-end World yesterday. What, in the Government's present pro-Mr Steel said he had con-sulted his 12 Liberal colleagues not satisfy that interest?

now the Government had been operating on the basis of the Labour manifestos of 1974, not the basis of the national interest. They could do that quite justifiably only on the basis of a Commons majority, which clearly they did not now layer clearly they did not now have.

To ensure Liberal support on Wednesday night, the Government "would have to accept that they are not the party that has control over the House of Commons and begin

cannot go on extending confidence to a government unless there is agreement between us ".

manifesto policies of 1974 that Liberals found offensive? Mir Steel answered that there was still the Queen's Speech conmitment to a Bill on direct labour (already delayed by the Government); and he believed Continued on page 2, col 4

Tories criticize Annan plan for new broadcasting authority

By a Staff Reporter
The main proposal of the The main proposal of the Annan report on the future of broadcasting, that the hegamiony of the BEC and IRA be broken by the setting up of an Open Broadcasting Authority to run a fourth television channel, will criticized vesterday by the Conservative Party's media committee. It called the report "a dog's breakfast".

The authority would buy and transmit ready-made programmes, but would not pro-duce them as the BBC and the independent companies do on the other three channels. would, however, run its own news service. It would not be allowed to show feature films. If would be financed partly by advertising revenue, with advertisements appearing in 20minute blocks, as is the prac-tice in West Germany, and partly by education grants and by direct sponsorship by indus-

Mr Julian Critchley MP for be merged; that the simul-

Addershot and the Conserva-tive committee's chairman, said political broadcasts on all that the proposed authority channels should not be obligathat the proposed authority would offer the public minority broadcasting, which they would not watch but which they would

other proposals in the report, newspapers' financial interest inquiry board be set up for broadcasting and that a separate authority be established to run the EBC's and IBA's local radio stations.

The broad outlines of the re-port were published on Sunday

in The Observer and other Sunday newspapers. It is not due to be published officially until Thursday, The Government, the EBC the IBA, and the indepenbroadcasting companies declined to comment yesterday. Among its lesser proposals, the report suggests that there should be no advertisements

during children's programmes; that Radio Times and TV Times

tory except during general election campeigns; that there not watch but which they would have to pay for.

He was also critical of two use the Welsh language; that be limited; and that the practice of dubbing audience reaction into recorded television material should be abandoned. A minority group within the

Annan committee, led by Mr Phillip Whitebead, Labour MP for Derby North, recommends that BBC television and radio should be run under separate boards. The main report, however, proposes that the BBC's control of television and national radio should be left intact. Our Arts Reporter writes: The BBC is unlikely to be hostile to



Mr Houseman: Died with wife in road accident.

Former Chelsea player killed

Mr Peter Houseman, the Oxford United and former Chelsea footballer, died with his wife, Sally, and two other people in a three-car accident BBC is unlikely to be hostile to the report, with the exception of the recommendation to remove its control of local radio.

BBC is unlikely to be hostile to near Oxford early vesterday. Four others were badly injured. Mr Houseman had played for move its control of local radio.

Palestinians agree on a olitical programme

úro, March 20 -Delegates of the Palestine

tional Council today agreed a political programme which lied for the establishment of Palestinian state and at the me time continuation of the uggle against Israel. The programme was reached

er extensive bargaining beeen moderates, led by Mr
ssir Arafat, head of the Palene Liberation Organization
LO), and members of the Retion Frest under the leaderip of the Popular Front for Liberation of Palestine

The Rejection Front refuses peace negotiations with ael It wants the disappear ce of the Jewish state and its lacement by a secular Pales ian stare in all of the former estine to embrace Muslims, ristians and Jews.

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he 15-point programme hasized that the Palestinian blem is the root of the Palestinian revolution within the framework of the PLO as a basic condition for victory. idle East crisis and said olunon estinian rights.

Strike will close **Ir Peter Sellers**

hospital in Charing Cross Hospital, idon, last night after collapson an Air France flight from e to Heathrow. lis wife said he was under ervacion and his condition

satisfactory. doctor on the aircraft gave stance to Mr Sellers, who with his wife, and the capasked for an ambulance e waiting on the aprou. He emergency treatment

most docks today

Most of Britain's big ports are expected to be at a standstill today because of a oneday strike by dockers in protest at the threatened closure of Preston docks. Dockers in London and Aberdeen are likely

There will be no work at Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester, Hull, Grimsby, Immingham, Bristol or Southampton. About 50 ships will be idle in Humber

High turn-out lifts right-wing hope in French ballot

A good turn-out by French voters in the second round of the municipal elections suggested that the government parties had succeeded in getting their supporters to the polls to block further advances by the the posts to block rurrater advances by the left. At midday votes cast were running 2 per cent higher than in the first ballot. This was also true of Paris where M Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader, had high hopes of being elected Mayor Page 6

Party list system likely for Europe

The White Paper on direct elections to Europe is likely to be published next week, and may propose use of the regional party list system. As a once-for-all operation that would ensure more equal representation between the parties and help to counter Conservative domination of the European delegation in a bad year for Labour Page 4

Treasury likely to remain one unit

The Prime Minister is unlikely to split the Treasury into two departments while Mr Healey remains Chancelor. Mr Healey is not an advocate of division and the burden of the Treasury has been eased by the promotion to the Cabinet of Mr Barnett, Treasury Chief Secretary Page 5

Exam results doubts

Figures suggesting that comprehensive school pupils are not doing as well in examinations as grammar and secondary modern children should be treated with the "utmost caution", Dame Margaret Miles, chairman of the Campaign for Comprehensive Education, said. Page 2

Lyle beats Bugner

Joe Bugner, of Britain, suffered a serere blow to his hopes of another fight with Muhammad Ali when he was beaten on points by Ron Lyle, of the United States, over 12 rounds in Las Vegas last night Boxing, page 10



Face from the past: It was a terse message which protesters against the barassment of Jews in the Soviet Union transmitted to passers by outside the Soviet Embassy in London vesterday. The Gemonstrators were members of the Herut Movement, a zionist revisionist organization, and the National Council for Soviet Jewry "Threat to peace", page 8

Curfew in Pakistan

After a weekend of violence in which 35 people were killed, two industrial areas of Karachi have been put under curfew. The riots come after Mr Bhatto's misputed victory in Pakistan's general elections field earlier this mouth Page 7

Castro Tanzania visit

Dr Fidel Castro, the Cuban leader, inspected Cuba's aid programme to Tanzania. He told Tanzanian national servicemen and Guban technicians at a Cuban-aided agricultural school: "We would like to help you more but we cannot because our resources are pre-occupied in Angola" - Page 7 Assessing danger: A committee of

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300 hurt in violent nuclear protest

More than 300 people were injured when a West German protest by a crowd of 12,000 turned into a violent clash with 12,000 thrued into a violent class man police. A militant group, wearing helmets, goggles and armed with sticks and iron bars, attacked the guarded perimeter fence with wire cutters, grappling hooks.

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HOME NEWS.

Ulster Unionists want devolved assembly as a condition of support in confidence vote

ment will be able to count reliably on the vote of only one MP from Northern Ireland in Wednesday's confidence debate in the Commons.

In spite of a continued silence from Mr Enoch Powell and Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the "loyalist" coalition at Westminster, it was believed that short of an un-precedented about-turn by the Government on the issue of power-sharing, all 10 Ulster Unionists (including the two independents) would vote with the Conservatives.

There was also considerable local speculation that the clu-sive Mr Frank Maguire, the independent republican from Fermanagh and South Tyrone, would abstain because of the lack of progress in his one-

it still planned to legislate to

nationalize water companies.

More important, there were things waiting in the wingsthat were not in the Government like

ment's programme, like mationalizing banking and in-

with the Liberals would guarantee that none of that

would go forward. It was not

known to Liberals what the Government's proposals were going to be on housing

finance, an important issue on which the Liberals had strong

views, because a great deal of encouragement could be given to home ownership, and "we do not know that is the Gov-

eroment view".

Mr Steel said that was why

he was not prepared to ask his

party to go on propping up a government without knowing

government wantout knowing their policy. We are", he added, "an opposition, inde-pendent party, and if the gov-ernment want our support they

cannot proceed on a take-it-or-leave-it basis. They must pro-ceed on a negotiated basis."

Was the lapsing of the devo-

From Martin Huckerby

in Scotland, the Glasgow City

District Council, in the local

elections in May. They believe

that not only can they take control of a council on which

they have only one member at present, but also that they can make great inroads elsewhere.

Local election results are an

unveliable guide to voters'

behaviour at a subsequent gen-

eral election, and the Labour Party in Scotland will no

doubt shrug off its losses as no

more than the usual local elec-

tion swing against the party in

Psychologically, however, such results will be very important. It will be the first real test of public opinion in

Scotland since the defeat of

the guillogine on the devolu-

some cities where it has consi-

derable support, such as Aber-deen. Perth and Dundee, it is

planning to put up so few can-didates that even if they were all elected there would be no chance of the SNP gaining con-

where the nationalists hold one

of the two parliamentary seats and believe they will soon have the other, they would seem to have an ideal target in a Labour administration riven

by accusations of corruption and by faction fights between

Labour holds control there only with the casting vote of the lord provost, and the oppo-

sition Progressive Conservative group is confident of taking

over on May 3, particularly since seven of the sitting

Labour councillors have not been renominated by the left-wing controlled party, and

Labour chooses

Mr Raymond Ellis, aged 53, president of the Derbyshire area of the National Union of

Mr Ian Smith, aged 40, a Glasgow photographer, has been adopted as the Scottish National

last general election.

NUM man

left and right wings.

power nationally.

Government agreement

That would leave Mr Gerard Fitt, leader of the mainly Roman Catholic Social Paran-cratic and Labour Perty, 45 the Government's one certain supporter from Ulster. But even he was insisting that his vote was dependent on the Govern-ment not concluding any last-minute political deals with his

loyalist opponents.

Both publicly and privately the Unionists have made clear that the minimum requirement for a change of heart will be a public piedge by the Government to introduce a Scottish-type devoived assembly in Northern Ireland. That would rule; our any possibility of institutionalized power-sharing with the minority and open the way for

a return of majority government at Stormont

the Commons, and there were nany points where critics of

the Bill and those who would like devolution to go forward

But the overlapping powers of the Secretary of State for

Scotland and the new Scottish Assembly were widely agreed

Moreover the constitutional

commission recommended that

the assemblies should be elected by proportional repre-sentation and "the Government have remained quite adamant

and said they were sticking to

what the Labour Party wants. If they want our support dis is one of the things on which

they would have to give way."

be an improved Bill first. Liberals were very strongly for separate Bills for Scotland and Wales. The Government simply ignored Parliament.

Under questioning, Mr Steel

was coy about proposals the Liberals have submitted to the

Chancellor of the Exchequer to

influence the Budget he is to open tomorrow week.

some of those are considering

standing as independents.

prefers to concentrate

parliamentary elections, Mr Brian Innes-Will,

pian region, including Aberdeen, is planning to put up a meagre 30 candidates.

Mr Innes-Will said that there

exceptionally difficult for the

Labour Party to retain control of Glasgow and some of the larger district councils like

blamed on the Labour adminis-

three-party system in much of Scotland is that a party can wield considerable influence on a council while remaining

in a minority. To hold the balance of power may be more advantageous than complete control.

Hunt protesters

disrupt service

The Rev Eric Wheeler, vicar of Steeple Bumpstead, Essex, called in the police to eject demonstrators who interfered with his church service yester-der meriper.

day morning.
The demonstrators carried

placards attacking the vicar, a member of the Puckeridge and Thurlow Hunt, for his hunting

Sir James Miller dies

Sir James Miller, Lord Provost of Edinburgh from 1951 to 1954 and Lord Mayor of London from 1964 to 1965, died

yesterday. He was 72.

pact with the Government? Mr He rejuctantly confided that Steel replied that there was a Liberals based their economic

SNP confident of taking

Glasgow City Council

If there was going to be a clee guillotine on a revived devolu-tion Bill, there would have to not!

to be unsatisfactory.

of Scotland ". He emphasized that the loya-lists would also be expecting some concrete assurances from the Conservative Party to ensure their voting support on Wednesday.

are proposed for the assembly

The demand for a new assembly for Northern Ireland along the lines of the rejected Convention report will be made at Westminster today when Mr Molyneaux is scheduled to west the Prime Minister and other members of the Govern-

matters.

Other

Liberal offer 'the same as made to Mr Heath

requested by the Unionists will include guarantees about in-creased representation at West-minster, tougher local security measures against the IRA and

bigger national insurance im-

Mr Steel's conditions he would

assumption we cannot accept the basis of voting in Parlia-ment in accordance with our electoral interests. We have to

vote in the national interest of

of the February, 1974, elec-

Liberal Party.

From Christopher Walker

Belfast

After two days of hectic political activity behind the scenes, opinion was strengthening last night that the Government will be able to count

That was impossible to check Unionist Coalition MP for conclusively, as Mr Maguire Armagh, who described Unionist Coalition MP for conclusively, as Mr Maguire at a remote heliday recreat in the Source standards of demonstrating short of a return to the same standards of demonstrating short of a return to the same standards of demonstrating down the same standards of demonstrating are proposed for the assembly are proposed for the assembly ical circles that a refusal to

of the two independent Unionists, Mr James Kilfedder, MP for Down, North, has long been outspoken in his criticism of the Government and his

Mr William Craig, leader of the Vauguard Party and MP for Belfast, East, is also com-mitted by a party decision taken six weeks ago to for all

ical circles that a refusal to rote with his colleagues could lose him the important UUUC endorsement in his Down, South, seat at any forthcoming

man of the Campaign for Comprehensive Education, said yearday that figures published in The Sunday Times which suggested that comprehensive achool pupils were not doing as well in examinations as grammar and secondary modern children should be treated with "the utmost naution." with " the utmost caution with "the utmost caution".

They did not allow for the fact that the remaining selective schools tended to be in the more prosperous suburban and country areas like Buckinghamshire and Surrey. It was very difficult to find a similar social make-up to compare the two systems. Nor did the figures give enough time-span for comprehensive schools to recover from the uncertainties. determination to vote against it because of its security policies. Yesterday he dismissed Mr Molyneaux's planned talks with the Prime Minister as a waste of time.

in his power to bring down the Government, mainly because of its refusal to take new political

The debate over comprehent sive and grainmar schools is likely to be further fanned unight by a television docu-mentary in BBC1's Panorana programme showing the diffi-culties of teaching in an outer culties of teaching in an outer London comprehensive school.

The Sunday Times quoted an article by Mr Raymond Baldwin, chairman of the governors of Manchester Grammar School, which is due to be published in a new black paper on education on Thursday. Mr Baldwin cites Department of Education and Science statistics to show that the propertion of school-leavers with five O levels and one or more A

recover from the uncertainties of reorganization.

All-in exam

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Dame Margaret Miles, chair-

figures

caution'

By Tim Devlin

O levels and one or more A levels fell between 1971 and

maintained schools with five or more O levels (or CSE grade ones) fell from 18.65 per cent in 1974 to 17.84 per cent in 1974. Those with two or more A levels fell from 10.52 per cent in 1971 to 9.61 per cent in 1971 to 9.61 per cent in 1971 to 9.61 per cent in

At the end of the interview,

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version would be that Mr Thorpe could not carry his col-leagues with him), but there benefit consequentially from a lowering of wage demands.

Peter Jay suggested that if the Government did not meet prec was not a parliamentary analogity for it Asked about the ethics of

precipitating an election to bring down Mr Callaghan and instal Mrs Thatcher as Prime Minister, Mr Steel commented that at the end of the day "you have to have confi-dence in the electorate". He did not think a great Tory landslide would occur. Even if it did, that would be what the people had vored for. What was wrong with that? If the people voted for that, "should have to live with it".

ended option for the Prime Minister as now. He added:
"It is really a decision for the Government, not the Liberal Party, whether we are going to have an election after next Wednesday, and it is for the Labour Party and its left wing to decide ".

Mr Steel provisionally added to his requirements for any pact with Mr Callaghan some progress on direct elections next year to the European Par-

have to go ahead and force a general election at an umfavourable time for the Mr Steel rejected that analy-is. He did not accept that conditions were unfavourable for the Liberals on the evidence of recent opinion polls, compared with 1974. "But even if I accepted your

In any event, Mr Steel said, he favoured a fixed-term Par-liament instead of an open-

Mr Steel dismissed the argument that Liberals are a minority party by making the point that all Westminstor parties are now minority parties, and "it is going to have to be a government based on the views of more than one party; we are making exactly the same offer that we made to Mr Heath in the aftermath

majority of nearly 40 votes on proposals on securing a third. He said that Mr Heath the second reading of the year of pay agreement where rejected the offer of consistent Tories ready for election, Mrs Thatcher says

"A government that cannot the last Prime Minister, first on actually voting, second on tabling a motion of confidence on his own in the Dyposition, said in a go. The events of last week's appear to the Conservative Century of get its major policies through the House of Commons cannot survive", Mrs Theacher, Leader of the Opposition, said in a speech to the Conservative Cen-Edinburgh

The Scottish nationalists are any candidates at all, and at poised to topple the Labour most would probably nominate only six people. The official explanation is that the party prefers to concentrate on tral Council conference Torquay on Saturday.

In an attack on the Governthe ment for its behaviour in the SNP's vice-chairman for organicommons on Thursday night, she declared: "It is as if a demoralized army, when they had lost the day said, 'We can't zation, admitted yesterday that. Dundee council was in such a mess that his party did not want to get involved in the intractable political and econohave been defeated because we just ran away'." Should an just ran away'." Should an election come, the Tories were mic problems.

Generally, the party says that it wants to ensure it has ready. She continued: worthy candidates, and it also wants to husband its resources so as to gain as many victories as possible. Thus, in Edinburgh it is likely to contest perhaps only half of the seats, and in the five districts of the Gram-

This dane last year we had just witnessed unusual events in the Commons. Then, the Government had lost a vote on the Public Expenditure White Paper. I had called on the Prime Minister, Harold Wilson, to go. In everyone's antazement he did. The trouble was, he did not take his whole Cabinet with bim. But at least we must congratulate

She said that no government faced with a parliamentary battle had turned and fled, then claimed, "We weren't then claimed, "We we defeated, we didn't vote." This was a major issue, Public expenditure comes from the taxexpenditure comes from the inspayer's pay packet or the pensioner's pension. Every pound taken by the Government is a pound lost for the citizen to spend himself. And the Government takes a lot of pounds. To be precise, it is proposing to spend some £52,000m this year. To us, all power is a trust and we are responsible for its exercise. Responsible to whom? To Parliament, to the elected representatives of the people. But this is the very body the Government tries to stop from taking a decisive vote.

He says that the high in crease of the number passing at least one CSE or O level between 1966 and 1974 is a

direct result of the introduction of the CSE in 1965 and the raising of the school-lear-ing age to 16 in 1973.

The statistics show that the proportion of children leaving

1974 and rose slightly to 9.62 per cent in 1975.

Mr Baldwin points out that between 1971 and 1975 the numbers of children in comprehensive schools increased rapidly to three quarters of the total secondary school pep

Mr Baldwin has worked out that grammar schools should

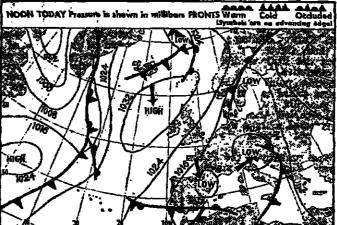
that grammar schools should be given a handicap to allow for their creaming off.

Using such a handicap he calculates that 16 per cent o school-leavers left comprehensives in 1974 with at least fix O levels, compared with mon than 20 per cent from grammar and secondary modern schools. The difference narrows for those who left in 1975 with two or more A levels 8.76 with two or more A levels, 8.76 per cent in comprehensives and 11.68 per cent in grammar

Further researches by M Baldwin show a dramatic in crease in the proportion of school-leavers passing O and A levels in the Roman Catholic selective schools in Manchester between 1964 and 1976.

The proportion increased by 370 per cent for O levels and by 300 per cent for A levels. The increases in the county maintained schools were 44 ps cent and 12.5 per cent. Mr Baldwin said last night that those figures did not show schools. The large increases in the Roman Catholic schools were due to massive expansion after better government grants and an influx of children from outside the city.

Weather forecast and recordings



7.2 am First Quarter : March 27. Lighting up : 7.45 pm to 6.29 am.

London, East Anglia, E. SE, NE England: Mostly cloudy, occa-sional rain; wind NE, moderate or fresh; max temp 8°C (46°F).

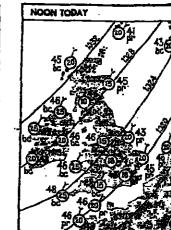
NE, light or moderate; max temp 9°C (48°f).
Borders, Edinburgh. Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands: Bright intervals, scattered showers, sleet or snow on high ground; wind NE, moderate or fresh; max temp 6°C (43°f).
Moray Firth. NE Scotland, Orkuey, Shetland: Bright intervals, a few wintry showers; wind NE, moderate or fresh, max temp 5°C (41°f).
Outlook: for tomotrow and Wednesday: Mainly dry in the W with summy periods and temp near normal; mostly cloudy and rather cold in E with showers, chiefly in the SE; overnight frost in places. Sea pussages: S North Sea, Strak of Dover, English Channel

Channel Islands: Bright intervals, showers; wind NE, moderate or fresh; max temp 9°C (48°F).

SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District: Sunny intervals, scartered showers; wind NE, moderate; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Isle of Man, Glasgow, Argyll, NW, SW Scotland, N Ireland: Mainly dry, sunny intervals; wind NE; light or moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F).

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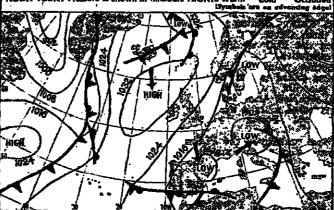
London: Temp: max 6 am 10 6 pm, 12°C (54°F); min 6 pm ns 6 am, 7°C (45°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 48 pcr cent. Rain, 24br to 6 pm, 0.04in. Sun, 24br to 6 pm, 7.00kr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,004.7 millibars, rising.

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London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 10°C (50°F); min 7 pm to 7 pm, 5°C (41°F). Homidity, 7 pm, 76 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, 0.05in. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 1.5hr. Bar, mean sea 1.vel; 7 pm, 1,013.4 millibars, rising.

1.000 millibars = 29.53in.

would be at least 350 candidates in Mey, concentrated heavily in the central industrial belt, which is Labour's heartland. me guinothe on the devolu-tion Bill, and any victories over Labour, and over the Conservatives will be trum-peted by the Scottish National Party as clear evidence of a growing demand for independ-The nationalists certainly have a chance of taking over in Glasgow, where they might need only just over a third of the seats to gain control. The Labour Party's assistant Scottish organizer, Mr James Allison, said after the guillotine defeat: "I think it will be accomplianally difficult for the ence. Nevertheless, all is not plain sailing for the nationalists as they prepare for the elections. Despite the propaganda, the party is being selective about the seats it will contest, and in



Renfrew. The SNP is well aware of the danger of taking over a council with an inexperienced team. Party officials have drawn up lists of candidates who would be suitable for important posts.

Control of Glasgow might bring political kudos, but in the long term could prove damaging. At present the social and economic ills can be blamed on the Labour adminis-

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7.15 pm Moon rises: Moon sets: High water: London Bridge, 3.43 am, 7.3m (23.9ft); 4.5 pm, 7.4m (24.3ft). Avonmouth, 9.18 am, 13.6m (44.5ft); 9.31 pm, 13.3m (48.7ft). Dover, 12.46 am, 6.8m (22.3ft); 1.3 pm, 6.6m (21.7ft). Hull, 8.9 am, 7.2m (25.6ft); 8.13 pm, 7.3m (23.9ft). Liverpool, 12.59 am, 9.1m (29.9ft); 1.13 pm, 9.3m (30.7ft).

Pressure will remain high NW of Britain with a NE airstream over all districts. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

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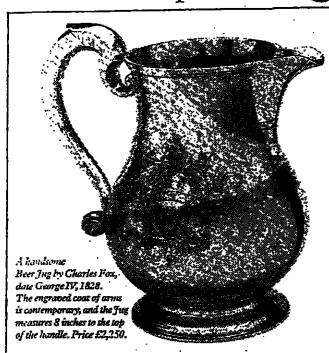
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Ministers may propose party list system for Europe elections

dom electoral practice, but as a once-and-for-all operation it

would ensure more equal repre-sentation between the parties and help to counter a Conserva-tive domination of the Euro-

pean delegation in a bad year

of the parliaments at West minster and in Strasbourg.

discipline; and the fact that European MPs are going to be much better paid than those at Westminster raises difficult

Although there have been no

official talks between Government and Opposition about the

drift of the White Paper, it is fairly clear that the Opposition

would prefer initially the list

be a uniform system of election, almost certainly including

proportional representation throughout the Nine.

One of the party managerial

It would also serve to weaken the Westminster argument for what is called the dual man-date; that is, joint membership

The Cabinet has made enough progress in approving a White Paper (with green edges) on direct elections to the European Parliament to be reasonably confident of publishing it next week. Drafted by Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, who carries responsibility for all elections in the United Kingdom it largely states problems. dom, it largely states problems and canvasses solutions.

By all accounts Mr Rees, who stands closer to the Prime stands closer to the rime Minister than most other senior ministers, is arguing in Cabinet for the United Kingdom not to incur the odium of being the only country obstructing European elections timed for May or June next year.

Like everybody else, he does not underrate the difficulties for the Government and the political parties outside Westminster in keeping to the agreed summit timetable, but he is not hidebound by first-pattibuses. he is not hidebound by first-past-the-post precedents or frightened by the abundant academic calculations that the Labour Party would be virtually extinguished in a bad year by the election to the European Parliament of 81 MPs from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland. Several senior members of the Cabinet are confident that Labour would be sure of taking Yorkshire, Wales and probably Lancashire for the European

My impression is that if, after Cabinet discussions, the United Kingdom is to be offered a government plan for direct elections next year, it is likely to take the form of a regional party list system.

£200,000 lifeboat Parachutist rescued

A new £200,000 self-righting lifeboat is due on station in the Humber on Wednesday. The glass-fibre City of Bradford will have a range of 200 miles. An RAF helicopter from Leuchars, Fife, yesterday rescued a girl parachutist who had landed 30 feet up a tree

Budget preview 1: Public opinion and personal tax cuts

MPs note anger over 'increasing burden'

By Neville Hodgkinson Social Policy Correspondent Nearly three years ago the Chancellor of the Exchequer was promising the Labour Party ject to that as undemocratic and an affront to United King-

that he would squeeze the rich until the pips squeaked. Now he of the need to improve incen-tives over the whole range of income levels The inspiration behind any tax changes in his forthcoming Budget will owe as much to public opinion as to the views

of experts on economic effi-ciency. Labour MPs and party officials over much of Britain have been receiving the clear message that one of the big preoccupations among working people, more intense and poten-tially more explosive than in objections to the escape route, however, is that it would probably bring in an entirely new brand of United Kingdom politician, who would tend to diminish Westminster sovereignty and fragment party disciplings and the fort that previous years, is the ever-growing slice of their wages taken in income tax.

In money terms, everyone is paying on average nearly three times as much as he was four years ago, a rate of increase far exceeding the rise in average earninzs.

The auger is seen as a poten-tial threat to Labour's social welfare policies, to the wage restraint sought through the social contract, and to the moral health of the nation. Tax-avoidance has already become a national habit, according to Sir Norman Price, the former chair-man of the Board of Inland

would prefer initially the list system of election to no direct elections next year at all. It is probably the solution the leaders of both main political parties at Westminster would prefer, at least for the first directly elected European Parliament with a set lifetime of five years. After 1983, it is laid down that there should be a uniform system of election. Revenue. Social security recipients have become a target of public criti-cism, generally misplaced. For most of them the system is grossly demeaning, because of the multitude of bits and pieces that Parliament has authorized as a substitute for straightforlatest available marginal percont-rates of income tax plus socials unity contributions, payable by a ried man with two children under years. In Britain, France, Germany, led States and Japan are:

A=average UK earnings; B=2 x average UK. Source: Hanserd.

ward income-support at a setis-factory level. And it is inadequate for the many who fail to understand the red tape that accompanies such a system.

When a family man with two children can be earning £70 a week and be no better off than if he was not working at all, an instance cited by the Chancellor himself, it is not surprising that resentments arise. The reason for the increased

tax burden is that for many years most Chancellors have failed to adjust the value of personal and other allowances against tax to take adequate account of inflation. As money incomes have risen the thres-hold over which a wage-earner begins to pay tax, or to pay at a higher rate, has fallen.

In fact, when cuts have been made, the tendency has been to talk of the Chancellor's "giving away" so much money, despite the increase in overall "take" on account of inflation. For example, receipts from taxes on personal income rose from £7,444m in 1973-74, to an

an increase of 129 per cent, Simply to restore the single person's and married couple's allowances of £735 and £1,085 to their real value at February, 1974, the Chancellor would have to raise them by £275 and £230

respectively. In the tax year 1964-65, a married man with two children under 11 lost less than a tenth of his pay in income tax and national insurance contribu-tions if he had an income equivalent to average male earnings. Now he loses nearly

a quarter. In 1973-74 he had to start paying tax on his earnings at £1,116 a year; in 1976-77 the threshold had fallen to £963, reckoning at 1973 prices.

Over the same period the profrom just over a quarter to nearly half; and on 10 times, from 37 per cent to nearly two

In the past few years the growth in income tax has been accompanied by actual, and sometimes substantial, falls in the real purchasing power of after-tax incomes.

A relatively prosperous re-tired couple with an invest-ment income of £114 a week in 1973-74, three times the average arnings of that time paid £40 an increase in spending power in income tax leaving a net income of £74. In 1976-77, the equivalent money income was f195 a week, but the couple only £1.50 of that £20 extra. equivalent money income was £195 a week, but the couple would pay £94 in taxes and the net income after tax would give

them a real purchasing power, at 1973 prices, of only £60. A similar drastic reduction is seen in the real value of the earnings of the £10,000-a-year man, the manager or top salesmen on whom industry depends so heavily. In 1973-74 a single man on three times the average earnings had an income of £114 a week. He paid £31.50 in income tax, leaving him with £82.50. Today the equivalent income is £195. of which £77 goes in tax. That leaves him with £118, of which the real value at 1973 prices is £71, or £11.50 less than the 1973.74

equivalent.
The threshold for the first higher-tax band, calculated at 1973 prices, fell from £6,116 to For the final band, at which the rate becomes 83 per cent, it fell from £21,176 to £12,786.

Linked with the failure to address the failu adjust tax thresholds and the piecemeal development of benefits and subsidies is the notori-ous poverty trap, illustrated in a recent parliamentary reply. A man with a wife and four children, aged 3, 8, 11 and 16, earning £45 a week, has a net weekly spending power of £45.28 after taxes and beuefits on the basis of the assumptions in the table below. That is less than the £48.81 he would have

available if he was living on the standard supplementary benefit,
But, more important, if he earns £10 extra a week he gets Next: Indirect taxes.
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Police pay:

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Some highly misleading figures on the average pay of Britain's policemen and policewomen have recently been issued by the Official Side of the Police Council.

Here are the true facts - based on the Government's own estimates produced by the Home Office.

The average weekly pay of a constable is £70. (Not, as has been claimed, £80.)

The average weekly pay of all ranks, from constable to chief inspector, is £75.22. (Not, as has been claimed, £90.)

To put these figures in perspective; in December 1976. average earnings for all non-manual male workers in Britain were £88.70 - 27% above the constable's average. (This contrasts with the official statement that the average policeman is being paid 28% more than the average of all adult males in Britain.)

In fact, the relative position of police officers is probably even less favourable. The above Government estimates are based on the assumption that policemen work between 4 and 5 hours overtime a week; whereas many forces have reduced or even eliminated overtime as an economy measure.

We hope these figures - and the regrettable necessity of correcting official statements to the public - will show why the Police Federation is determined to press its claim for a fair pay increase for police officers.

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Transplant surgeon says doctors 'seem to forget' needs of kidney patients Authority to overcome the cards, and to get everyone in shortage of kidneys for trans-plants. He hopes hospital Mr Ennals, Secretary of State From John Roper

Health Services Correspondent Cambridge

Doctors, more than the public, need reminding of the needs of kidney patients when donor organs are available, according to Professor Roy Calne, a leading transplant surgeon and professor of surgery at Cam-bridge University.

"The public are well ahead of the medical profession in this", Professor Calue said. "Even relatives grieving for a son killed in a motor cycle accident have remembered on the way home that he had a kidney donor card and have got in touch with the hospital." However, although brain death was accepted and a code practice for organ removal had been agreed doctors seemed to forget the needs of patients whose lives would be

saved or renewed by a kidney It was understandable, Pro-fessor Calne said. "It is difficult to care at second hand. I am

other doctors with theirs." He was speaking at the are to persuade many more

plants. He hopes hospital authorities will agree to appoint a coordinator from his transplant unit to speak to medical staff in other hospitals in the One prominent candidate for

such an appointment is Miss Sally Taber, nursing officer in charge of the renal dialysis and transplant unit at Adden-brooke's Hospital, who has worked for Professor Calne for

five years.

Miss Taber, who has specialized in renal units, says she could spare about four days a month and would tell doctors and nurses in intensive-care and accident units about the need for donated organs.
The Addenbrooke's

where Professor Calue is also having increasing success in transplanting livers, is carrying out only about thirty kidney transplants a year, although sixty could be achieved if

there were enough donors.

Results in the campaign, throughout next mouth, will be closely watched by about fifty units in other areas. Its aims launching of a campaign by people in Cambridgeshire, Nor-East Anglia Regional Health folk and Suffolk to carry donor

for Social Services, has said there is a need to double the 600 kidney transplants now performed annually. Although the need is known, Britain is lay-

ging behind.
Sufferers from renal disease will attend meetings and demonstrations of home dialysis apparatus, which can be installed for about £2,600 and which cost half as much as maintaining a patient in hospital.

Typical of their stories is that

of Mr Brian Pearmain, who hopes every time there is a telephone call to his home at Wickham Skeith, Suffolk, that it will be from the Cambridge unit offering him a new life. Three years ago his body rejected a donor kidney and he had to return to two 10-hour sessions weekly on a dialysis

machine. "I am 39 and could return to work if I had a transplant, he said. "As it is, if I kick a football for 10 minutes with my four children on the beach, I have to sit down." He com-mented: "But transplanted patients, they are one telephone call away from a new life."

Food and farming exports up by £500m last year

The total value of the United Kingdom's exports in agriculture and food in 1976 was 52,778.7m. That was an increase parliamentary written of £507.2m on 1975.
Agriculture, Mar 14

Indictable offences: The number of offences known to the police in England and Wales in 1976 was 2,135,700, of which 916,500, or in England and Wales in 1976 was 2;135,700, of which 916,500, or 43 per cent, were cleared up. The figures (in thousands) for known offences were (1975 figures in brackets): Violence against the person: 77.7 (71.0), up 10%; sexual offences: 22.2 (23.7), down 6%; burglary: 515.5 (521.9), down 1%; robbery: 11.6 (11.3), up 3%; theft and handling stolen goods: 1,235.7 (1,267.7), up 1%; fraud and forgery: 119.9 (123.1), down 3%; criminal damage over £20: 93.0 (78.5), up 18%; other offences: 10.1 (8.4), up 20%; total: 2,135.7 (2,105.6), up 1%. total: 2,135.7 (2,105.6), up 1%.

For offences cleared up the figures were: Violence: 61.4, 79% (57.6, 81%); second offences: 17.2, 77% (18.6, 78%); burglary: 173.4, 34% (175.6, 34%); robbery: 3.8, 33% (4.5, 40%); theft and handling: \$21.6, 44% (\$25.1, 41%); fraud and forgery: 97.5, 81% (163.7, 84%); criminal damage: 32.2, 35% (28.7, 37%); other: 9.4, 93% (7.8, 93%); total: 916.5, 43% (921.6, 44%).

Home Office, Mar 9

Home Office, Mar 9 Convictions quashed on appeal:
Convictions after trials on indictment quashed on appeal in 1974
and 1975 in England and Wales
were as follows (including cases
in which convictions on certain
counts were quashed but not on
others): Number of persons:
Conviction quashed in 1974, 104:
1975, 130. Conviction quashed but
conviction for lesser offence substituted: 1974, 3; 1975, 6.

Home Office, Mar 9

Prisoners: It is assumed that the average daily population in prisons in Grest Britain will rise in the period 1980-81 as follows: 1976-77, 46,185; 1977-78, 46,605; 1978-79, 47,045; 1979-80, 47,515; 1980-81, 48,065.

1980-81, 48,065.

The figures for Engiand and Wales are: 41,160; 41,480; 41,820; 42,190; 42,640.

Average numbers do not indicate the maximum the prison system may have to hold at any time. Actual numbers vary considerably over the year, as may be illustrated by the following figures for England and Wales in 1976-77: 42,808 on July 31, 1976; 40,391 on December 31, 1976; and 41,520 on February 15, 1977.

parliamentary written replies, with tthe sources and dates on which they appeared in

The sentenced population of Prison Department establishments in England and Wales on June 30, with percentages by age, was:

The number of persons in Prison Department establishments in England and Wales who on June 30 in each year were serving sentences of five years or more was: 1973, 4,356; 1974, 4,394; 1975, 4,499.

Home Office, Mar 9 Taxation yields: The percentage of total central government tax revenue frrom direct personal taxation (income tax, surtax and capital gains tax) with, in brackets, the main indirect taxes (Customs and Excise duties, vehicle excise and stamp duries) for the following financial years was: 1970-71 40.0 (34.3); 1971-72 42.8 (36.7); 1972-73 42.6 (39.2): 1973-74 44.6 (39.8); 1974-75 48.8 (36.7); 1975-76 55.5 (36.4).

Treasury, Mar 8

Treasury, Mar 8 Cancer deaths: The number of persons who died from cancer in England and Wates in the following years (those aged under 20 in brackets) was: 1969, 116,035 (1,128); 1970, 117,076 (1,085); 1971, 118,216 (1,062); 1972, 120,225 (1,079); 1973, 121,297 (1,052); 1974, 123,022 (980); 1975, 123,728 (952).

Social Services, Mar 9 Transport. The loss of ton-miles hauled by British Rail between 1960 and 1976, compared with the railways in Spain, France, West Germany and Italy was (figures in million ton-miles):

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W Germany 34,349 36,317 +8
Italy 10,248 91,124 -11

Solicitor is York crossword champion

From Edmund Akenhead Crossword Editor

The first regional final of the 1977 Cutty Sark/Times National Crossword Championship took place yesterday at the Viking Hotel, York. There were 113 competitors and in completing the four puzzles 15 achieved maximum puzzles 15

puzzle points of 124. decided on time bonus points, representing the time allowed for solving, 120 minutes for the four puzzles, less the time taken by each competitor.

The first prize and the title of York champion was won by Mr Joseph Ford, a solicitor, a former York champion, with \$2 time bonus points. The runner-up, who also qualifies for the national also qualifies for the national final in September, was last year's York champion, Mrs Joyce Cans-field, with \$1 time bonus points Prizes were also presented by Mrs Lindsay Ramsey, on behalf of Cutty Sark Scotch whisky, to Mr David Morris and Mr Simon Chillingworth, who came third and fourth, with 79 and 76 time boms points respectively.

Hi-fi joins the A level course

Lord Mountbatten of Burns spoke in support yesterday of a new A level GCE examination a new A level GCE examination in electronics which will involve the candidate's own hi-fi equipment. The Associated Examining Board has drawn up the syllabus and a pilot scheme is being run at nine schools and colleges.

As chairman of the National As chairman of the National Electronics Research Council, which has sponsored the pilot study, Lord Mountbatten said: "The widest possible encourage should be given to young men and women to learn of the way electronics plays such a vital role in all our daily activities."

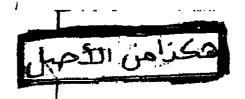
Vaccine talks

MPs, led by Mr Jack Ashley, chairman of the all-party disablement group, and parents of children they say have been damaged by whooping court and the court are an meet Mr Ennals. Figure for 1974: 1975 not available.

Transport, Mar 9

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Treasury break-up unlikely while Mr Healey remains

HOME NEWS____

likely to split the Treasury while Air Healey remains Chancellor of the Exchequer. The rossibility of Mr Callaghan's cividing it into a Ministry of Pinance and a Department of the permanent sector. Minupower and Budget has dimmished at least for the time being, since the death of Mr

Crosland was to have transferred from the Foreign Office to the Treasury in the summer. Mr Healey would have exchanged portfolios with him and a reorganization of White hall was a possibility.

own sake in departmental arrangements. When such moves were mooted in his days at the Ministry of Defence he was fond of remarking: "You do not take out a man's appen-dix while be is lifting a grand

piano."
The burden on the Chancellor has been greatly eased by the promotion to the Cabinet last month of his number two. Mr Joel Barnett, Chief Secre-tury to the Treasury. An accountant by training Mr Bar-nett assists Mr Healey a good deal on taxation as well as expenditure matters.

His Cabinet place has allowed the Chancellor to shed much of the detailed briefing on spending matters that was necessary

previously.

Mr Healey would probably rgue that breaking up the Treasury would once more add to the Chancellor's workload tons of the primary concerns of Mr Callaghan when he first con-sidered the possibility before (bristmas) rather than reduce it further.

The need for consultation between the Chancellor and his ministerial colleague responsible for public, expenditure would be greater and, consequently, more time-consuming Few in Whitehall are sausctors 'seem fied with the present role of the civil Service Department, to would be an improve whose manpower divisions the present arrangements.

the Council for the Protection

of Rural England suggested

vesterday. They should abon-

don the 11 growth areas designated in 1970 because the

expected population and econo-

nuc growth they were designed

The council's director. Mr

for had not materialized.

Growth areas condemned

The Prime klimister is un. would be added in the event of change. Some do argue, however, that cash limits have given the Treasury adequate control

Another idea floated among the permanent secretaries is that manpower, recruitment, public

honours should be emrusted to a public service commission, modelled on United States, Canadian and Australian prac-tise, and answerable to the Prime Minister. The commission would negotiate on manpower levels with the public expenditure side of the Treasury and the Civil Service hall was a possibility.

Mr Healey has never been Treasury and the Civil Service an advocate of change for its Department could be disbanded.

Last year it looked as if a future. Conservative govern-ment would break up the Treasury. But a report to be circulated to the Shadow Cabinet this week comes out strongly against such a move.

The document reflects the views expressed by Mr David Howell, MP for Guildford, in a Howell, MP for Guildford, in a letter to The Times on March 11 in which he described breaking up the Treasury as "the wrong solution many years too late." Mr Howell was a member of the committee that produced the report under the chairmanship of Mr William Whitelaw, deputy leader of the Conservative Party.

The debate about the size and shape of the Treasury will con-tinue this afternoon before the Select Committee on Expenditure. The first witness, Sir Samuel Goldman, will repeat his long-held view that its unity should be maintained.

The second witness will be Lord Diamond, Chief Secretary to the Treasury in 1954-70. In his book, Public Expenditure in Practice, published in 1975, he said that drawing and the rest of Treasury week was close and of Treasury work was clear and easy. Separation might make expenditure control a a fraction casier" but in general it was not easy to see whether it would be an improvement on

Plan for the South-east, pub-lished last October, said that the growth areas not only

threatened to consume several

thousand acres of food-pro-ducing land, but also threatened

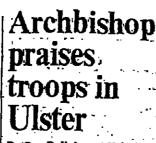
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London of even more skilled

though a large proportion were groundless. Planners should take a fresh Christopher Hall, speaking of look at their ideas for the the council's formal comments future of south-east England, on the Review of the Strategic

In the past few years 100 members of the RUC had died, and 3,000 in a force of 5,000 had been injured.

All political parties should support the RUC and encourage Roman Catholics to join. Letters, page 15



By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent

In his first St Patrick's Day sermon in Liverpool, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, Mgr Derek Worlock, yesterday praised the courage f. British troops in Northern ireland...

He told a congregation in the Metropolitan Cathedral drawn from the Irish com-munity in Liverpool that the withdrawal of British forces was not the real issue, although the matter would not be solved by military mean Mgr Worlock came to Liverpool exactly a year ago and has more than once since then been outspoken on Irish issues, contrary to what had become the custom among English Roman Catholic bishops, to

leave comment on Irish affairs to the Irish bishops.

He said: "One must admire the bravery and communal spirit of those who indertake military duties in this difficult spiritary with factors. situation. Withdrawal or reduction of troops is not the real issue.
"Attention must surely be

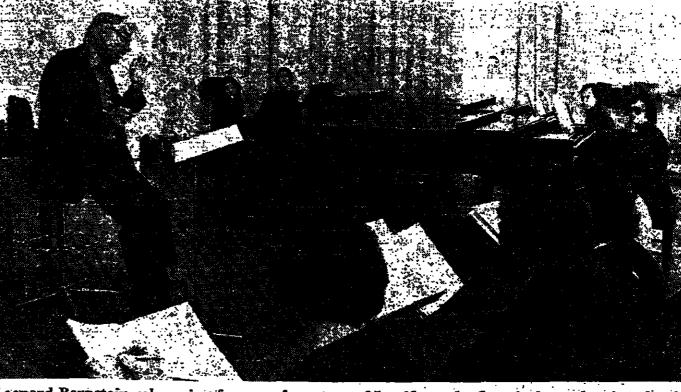
given once again to an attempt to secure by political means some form of shared responsibility, or power sharing. It is at least ironic that in these last months attention has been directed to Scotland and Wales, when surely the mostimportant issue is some form of devolved government in Northern Ireland."

Ceasefire warning: Mr Airey spokesman on Northern Ireland, defended the Royal Ulster Constabulary yester-day and declared that "the day and declared that "the Government must not be tricked into another Provisional IRA ceasefire, of which there are again rumours" (Our Political Staff writes).

Speaking in Malvern, he traged the Government to give the RUC the recognition it deserved. "No civilian police force in Western Europe has a more difficult and danegrous

more difficult and dangerous task. They neither seek nor get much publicity until accusations are made against them." All complaints must be immediately investigated, as they were,

Mr Neave said the policeman in Ulster was a target by day



Leonard Bernstein rehearsing for a performance of Les Noces, by Stravinsky, to be given by the English Bach Festival Orchestra and Choir at the Festival Hall this evening.

Windscale objectors' list closes

By Our Science Editor

The list closes today for objectors submitting evidence to the public inquiry into ex-pansion plans for the nuclear fuel reprocessing plant at Windscale Cumbria Although the evamination

under Mr Justice Parker cannot under Mr Justice rarker cannor start before mid-June, the money for the scheme was expected to receive approval under the Nuclear Industry Finance Bill seeking provision of £500m last week.

As it was not debated, the proposals for Windscale may be one of the first victims if an election is called after Wednesday's vote: in the Commons.
Long-term expenditure
schemes for British Nuclear Fuels require £1,500m over the next 10 years. The immediate demand is for more than £200m to expand the Magnox fuel reprocessing plant to remove the waste from the fuel rods from existing nuclear power plants of the Central Electricity Gen-

erating Board.

Another £40m is for the development of the process to turn long-lived radioactive wastes into glass blocks. A third demand, for about £300m, is for the controvers al reprocessing plant to handle oxide fuel from Japan, Spain, Sweden, Germany and other countries that have

Violent offenders guide sought

By Diana Goddes

Should the protection of the public be a sufficient reason for locking up dangerous offenders for longer periods than could be justified on other penological grounds such as rehabilitation, deterrence or punishment? If so, for how long? To what extent should the dangerous offender's individual human right to freedom be taken into consideration? What, indeed, is a "dangerous" offender?

Those are some of the ones.

Those are some of the questions put forward in a consultative document on dangerous offenders, published today, which has been drawn up by a commissee of criminological experts chaired by Mrs Jean Floud, principal of Newstam College Cambridge

The 11-member committee, which includes Mr Francis Graham Harrison former Deputy Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, Sir Brian Their replies, and those of Mackenna, the High Court any other interested parties,

Wolfson Professor of Crimin-ology at Cambridge and a mem-ber of the Home Secretary's advisory council, was set up by the Howard League for Penal Reform and the National Asso-ciation for the Care and Re-settlement of Offenders with funds provided by the American Academy of Contemporary Problems, in Columbus, Ohio.

The British committee's consultative document, which has been drawn up after 10 months' work, including interviews with about 50 life-sentence prisoners, is designed to air the general medical, legal, ethical and social, aspects of the master and tostimulate discussion, not to pro-vide any answers. Copies of the document have

been sent to a selection of judges, MPs, academics, indivi-

dual members of voluntary and professional bodies in the field,

udge, and 'Dr Nigel Walker, will be examined and collated before the committee makes its recommendations in its final report, which is expected early

> An offender is usually described as dangerous if there is a substantial probability of his committing a further offence involving grave harm, the com-mittee says. But what is "grave harm"? Some might argue, for example, that wide-spread "mugging" causing minor personal injuries is more serious than domestic violence causing grievous bodily harm. A serious offence, the committee says, does not make a dangerous offender unless there

is a likelihood that it will be repeated despite the usual pre-cautious provided by the law. But by what method is that likelihood to be judged? The Dangerous Offender, a Con sideative Document. (Free from The Secretary, Institute of Criminology, 7 West Road, Cambridge).

Giving more say to parents and teachers

By Mark Jackson, of The Times Educational Supplement

The Inner London Education Authority is to double the re-presentation of parents and teachers on its school govern-

ing and managing bodies. The authority, which has been under pressure to increase par-ticipation since the William Tyndale school inquiry, has de cided it can no longer wait for the recommendations of the Taylor. Committee on school government throughout the

Mr Kenneth Livingstone, a member of ILEA's Labour majority, said during the weekend that the decision, which will mean two parents and two teacher representatives on each body, was one of a numbe changes being introduced after criticisms in the inquiry's report. Arrangements have also been made for ILEA members in each division to meet regu-larly with officers to discuss their local schools.

Mr Livingstone said : "Something has to be done, because the Tyndale affair has shattered many of the channels of informal communication that existed previously. People are afraid now to tell you anything in case they should be forced to justify it publicly years later."

The authority is also taking steps to improve communica-tions and supervision within its administration. A divisional inspector is being appointed in each of the 10 divisions.

The changes do much to preempt suggestions for reform made in a pamphlet on the William Tyndale School affair, issued by the Conservative Political Office this weekend. The pamphlet, written by a former member of the staff of the journal of the National Union of Teachers, says that most schools are working satis-factorily and that teachers are entitled to every support, but that local authorities need to be able to detect and correct potential failures in the system. The Lessons of Tyndale by Paul Williams (Conservative Political Centre, 40p).

NHS doctors should be put on salaries, TUC says

By Our Health Services Correspondent

Health Service, including family doctors, dentists and opticians, should be employed on a salary basis, the Trades Union Con-

gress says.
In its 20,000 word memorandum of evidence to the royal new basis. commission on the service,

accepts that there are consider-able difficulties which make an conditions would be improved immediate and complete change impossible. But the principle hours equitable sharing of work should be established, positive and better arrangements for inducement should be offered providing cover at all times. to effect the change and new staff should be employed on the

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published today, the TUC the medical profession would general practitioners. with more clearly defined hours, equitable sharing of work and better arrangements for

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Heavier polling raises Chirac chances in second French ballot

From Charles Hargrove

Paris, March 20 Jacques Chirac, Gaullist leader, appeared highly likely to be electer Mayor of Paris as France went to the polls today in the second round of its municipal elections.

Officials reported that in spite of rainy weather 2 per cent more people had voted by midday compared with last week's

The second ballot will bring a decision in 64 towns and cities including Lille, Marseilles, Toulouse, Nice and Rennes. In the remaining 158 the outcome was settle dby the first ballot, in which the Union of the Left gained 32 towns from the government majority and lost

On the basis of last Sunday's score, there had been little doubt felt that the majority would hold the capital—thanks to its belatedly patched-up unity—and that the left would consolidate its advance by con-quering another 15 to 20 of the larger towns from the right. A great deal turned today on

the "marginal" voters—the ecologists, the "Jobertists", and even the extreme left in some cases, whose weight tipped the scales in Nice and St Etiennne, and in the process decided the fate of several ministers who stood for reelec-

tion as mayors.

Traditionally the two-ballot system, a typically French invention is designed to enable the voters to give free reign to thteir preferences in the first poll. When the mechanism of withdrawals and eliminations has done its work, they are then able to stop the candidates they in the second ballot. As result, a political trend is sometimes reversed in the second ballot. This was the case in the parliamentary elections of 1973, when the majority, which had swept the board on the first poll, found itself with a gain of only one parliamentary

seat the following week.
This time, the Covernment excessively sanguine about it, that the same would happen in

arithmetically, this seemed unlikely, for in most of the remaining larger towns where run-off ballots were being held. the Government majority was defending sears rather than try-

derending sears rather than fry-ing to win new ones.

Besides, last Sunday's first ballot has proved that the Com-munists, allied to the dominant Socialists, no longer frighten away the middle-of-the-road voter, even in such traditional conservative strongholds as the West. And another reason why a reversal of trends was un-likely is that these elections were after all municipal con-tests not a national test. The voters could vent their discon-tent with austerity, the Barre plan and the divisions of the majority, in the full knowledge that they were not choosing

revolution instead of reform. They will make this choice exactly one year's time, in the parliamentary elections of One thing, however, is prac-

tically ruled out after today's poll. That is the dissolution of Parliament before it has run its full course. However difficult government majority in coming months between Giscardians and Gaullists, it will be preferable to joint suicide at the

polls.

Had M Chirac lost his gamble on Paris, he would have had to compensate for this by making life impossible for the Government. Now he can con-centrate on consolidating his position in the majority and in the country from the power base that Paris will give him. However, the parliamentary election campaign has in fact

aiready begun. M Jean Jacques Servan Schreiber, editor-in-chief of the news magazine L'Express, goes even further. France, he says, now finds herself again in 1788, the year before the Revolution. In 1788", he says, "it was

still not too late to save France from the violence and the limitless cascade of coups that the same would happen in d'état which succeeded one the municipals, and that the another for nearly a century."

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Priest ready to sit outside Barcelona jail until last political prisoner is freed

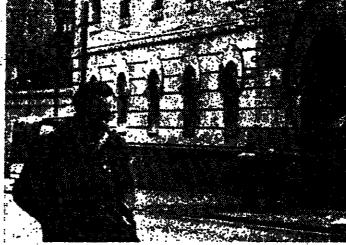
Father Xirinacs keeps vigil despite amnesty

"I am tired, my nerves are in shreds, and I am dying to take a holiday", said Father Luis Maria Xirinacs in front of Barcelona's Model Prison, where he has been mounting a daily 12-hour vigil for the past 15 months in favour of a total amnesty.

He says the Suarez Government's recently announced ex-tension of its amnesty is in theory a great improvement on previous "amnesties", but he will not give up his vigil until all political prisoners are re-leased, including those condemned for politically motivated crimes of violence. While we talked, seated on

newspapers with our backs against the wall facing the prison where Father Xirinacs says there are 40 political prisoners, passers by greeted him, others joined him, and a few cars sounded their horns. Most of the prisoners are alleged members of ETA, the Basque separatist organization, awaiting

Father Xirinacs, a 44-year-old worker priest, began his vigil on Christmas Day, 1975, a month after the death of General Franco. At first police



Father Xirinacs outside Barcelona's Model Prison, Police and right-wingers now leave him alone.

used to pick him up and dump-him outside Barcelona. Members of extreme right-wing organizations would frequently in-sult him and beat him up. Father Xirinacs always returned to the prison and bore the verbal and physical attacks with hardly a murmur of protest.

Now the police leave him

alone and the "so-called uncon-trollable elements", as Father Xirinacs calls the right-wingers, have been controlled ". The police bother him now

only when he takes part in proamnesty demonstrations. In the past 15 months he has left his place of vigil only five times, While we were talking Josefa Gallud, a friend, joined as. She showed me the 21 stitches in her head put in after riot police demonstration at Montjuich on March 13. When she joined us she had just come from denouncing the police to magistrates and was carrying a medi-

Father Xirinacs leaves his vigil for 20 minutes every day for lunch in a bar near by. He declined to let me buy him a drink, adding that he has lunch only because his doctor says he nust. Father Xirinacs has held four hunger strikes, the longest one for 42 days in 1974, and he is determined not to give up until "the dictatorship is over". He added: "The Government believes that the dictatorship ended with last December's referendum. But it has not

A little later, the father of one of the prisoners in the Model Prison arrived, anxious to ask Father Kirinacs if he had heard anything about his son, The father comes every day to the prison in the hope that when the text of the amnesty is published, his son will be

Poulsen, the general manager of the newspaper, is not prepared to make any guesses on the subject. The unions are confident that the newspaper will quickly pick up its old status when printing resumes. But Mr Poulsen refuses to comment on the newspaper's future or give details of a survey made by Gallup recently to determine how much circulation and advertising revenue has been lost so far.

Copenhagen, March 20

make a successful comeback and resume its role as Den-

mark's leading newspaper. The conflict which has stopped the

newspaper's publication entered its eighth week today.

negotiations before returning to work while the management

There is no contact between the two sides and the printing staff do not expect the news-paper to publish again until April or even later. Mr Olaf

The printing staff insist upon

production to restart

Both the management and the mions have stated repeatedly that they want to restart work but their standpoints have not changed. The unions are expected to be ordered to pay a stiff fine when a labour court rules on the conflict for the second time in the coming

The Berlingske deadlock has also stopped the mass circulation newspaper BT, the weekly news magazine Berlingske Weekend and two popular family magazines Soenbags BT and Billet-Bladet. Its foundation was laid in 1960. In the boomy ing economic conditions of the time the management signed an agreement with the printing staff to introduce an extra shift to cope with the growing volume of advertising.

This increased the wage bill but avoided the immediate need to buy improved equipment. It wages at least £1,000 higher than elsewhere. Competing newspapers had to follow suit and commercial printers had diffi-culty in keeping staff. The

Danish paper at risk result was a general increase in pay scales for printing workers. Doubts are growing in Copenhagen as to whether the 228-year-old Berlingske Tidende can

Dispute puts future of

When the recession came Berlingske found itself over-manned and using outdated and expensive sections of the special house contracts. When publication stopped on Janu-

ary 30, printing wages were about £13,000 a year for some 1,600 hours, about one-third of which were hours paid for but before negotiating on new con-ditions for the printing staff. not worked.

If the Berlingske proposals are accepted, Mr Poulsen says are accepted, Mr Poulsen says the wage rates will be reduced by about one tenth. Mr Poulsen also considers the campaign waged by the printing unions to undermine the labour court

system as unacceptable. The unions agree that the conflict is unlawful but they do not intend to change their attitude because they see the labour court as an instrument

of class repression.

"In 1960 the management came to us and asked us to assist in formulating an agree-ment on piecework rates to keep up production". Mr Ove Nielsen, of the Berlingske typo-graphers' chapter, said. "This system has been in operation for 16 years but the ment now wants to end it. We cannot see any reason to suffer a wage curback just because the

newspapers are in difficulty.
"We do not intend to go have had negotiations with the management. We have asked for negotiations repeatedly since work stopped on January 30 and while we have not had any positive results so far we will not change our standpoint." Disputes have been frequent

and the friction increased when Tanuary that it expected a heavy loss in 1977. To reduce it, the management wished to change work procedures and hinted that up to 300 of the 1,000 printing staff would probably have to be laid off.

This announcement was not accepted as reasonable by the unions. It set off a campuign of deliberate obstruction in the printing works which caused the management to send the print-

Football official

Bonn, March 20 equipment, launching an assault More than 300 people were on the wire perimeter fence. They tore down long stretches it and in the ensuing battle injured at the weekend in West Germany's most violent demonrepresentative of the ine and widespread stration against nuclear power

The clash came after a peaceful start to a protest by about 12,000 people outside the site of an atomic power plant at Grohnde, near Hameln, Lower Saxony. It was guarded by 5,000

The demonstrators were way ing flowers and exchanging jokes with police officers when the atmosphere deteriorated suddenly, with members of extreme left-wing groups armed with wire cutters, grappling

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237 officers were injured, 55 needing hospital treatment. A handful are still being detained for further observation.
About 80 demonstrators were

300 hurt in German nuclear protest

hurt, of whom 20 were taken to hospital. The police arrested 26. There have been several much larger demonstrations recently against nuclear power plants, but yesterday's protest was the worst in terms of bitterness and violence.

the minority among demonstrators, were equipped on a scale matched only by the more extreme demonstrations iron bars, and catapults with which they fired ball bearings at the police. The majority were peaceful

genuine and widespread groundswell of hostile opinion West Germany against the substituting nuclear energy as far as possible for power

derived from oil.

Last week's court ruling against the construction of a nuclear power station in south-western Germany has clearly failed to make the protest move ment lower its guard. The prob-lem for the authorities is how to deal with the lunatic fringe seeking to exploit this civic

New moves to save Italian government

From Peter Nichols Rome, March 20

Signor Andreotti, the Italian Prime Minister, tomorrow begins an intricate operation in-Christian Democrat administra tion which depends on Communist cooperation.

He is making use of double-edged weapon of the conditions laid down by the International Monetary (IMF) for the granting of

These conditions are one of a number of issues now coming to a head after a surprisingly tranquil political situation since the election last June which gave the Communists sufficient backing to claim a share in policy-making even if they re-mained outside the actual Gov-

The real drama of the week will be provided by the spec-tacle of Signor Andreomi and the Communist Party leader, Signor Enrico Berlinguer, in a conflict which is as much over their relationships with their own parties as with each other. Signor Andreotti intends to

pur before all the leaders of

the parties supporting his Gov-ernment the IMF conditions in the form that he says they were laid down in the draft letter tent. He maintains that the IMF pegotiators insist on approval for two proposals in the Government's plan for curbing labour costs and inflation which will be put before the Senate on Wednesday.

The two points concern the removal of indirect taxation from the threshold agreement tied to the cost of living index. and curbs on wage negotiations at factory level. Both these measures are opposed by the unions and by the Communists.

Breton bomb blast as seven go on trial

Rennes, March 20.-Breton nationalists today caused a bomb to go off in the electricity board headquarters in Rennes, the

Brittany capital, causing serious damage but no injuries. The outlawed Breton Libera-tion Front (FLB) claimed responsibility for the blast, which came on the eve of the trial of seven Bretons accused of nationalist outrages.

An FLB message said the building had been attacked because it was "a symbol of French occupation in Brittany."

It was the seventh FLB attack this year. Other targets included a television licensing centre, local government buildings and a police car park.—

Princess Beatrix to visit Japan in May Tokyo, March 20.—Princess Bestrix of The Netherlands and her husband, Prince Claus, will visit Japan in May, it was

announced today.-Reuter.

kidnapped by gang in Turin Rome, March 20 .- Armed men kidnapped the 71-year-old vice-

president of Italy's reigning champion soccer club, Torino, in Turin last night, police said

The four masked kidnappers forced Signor Giuseppe Navone into a car outside a cinema and drove off at speed. A leading building contractor, he has been Torino's vice-president for 10

Meanwhile, an industrialist kidnapped on February 14 was set free early today after his lire (£660,000) ransom. Signor Carlo Colombo was abducted by three masked and

armed men in a bar.-Reuter and AP. Six killed in Turkish

railway collision Istanbul, March 20.—Six people were killed and six injured in a goods train collision early today near Bilecik, about

165 miles south-east of here.

Luxembourg backs Spanish EEC entry

heid here this weekend by the Liberal International. Arranged by Spanish Liberal parties, it is being attended by many prominent foreign politicians, including Mr Richard Moore, British president of the Liberal International and Simon Cic. International, and Signor Giovanni Malagodi, president of the Italian Liberal Party.

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, March 20
Mr Gaston Thorn, the Prime
Minister of Luxembourg, said
here yesterday that he hoped
Spain would soon join the EEC.
Speaking on his arrival at
Madrid's airport, he said: "I her Hans-Dietrich Genscher,
the West German Vice-Chancellor and Foreign Minister, flew
in for the congress but was
unable to stay because of the
everything is right for Spain
to join."

He added: "Naturally I
speak for myself and not in the
name of all the members of the
BEC, but I do think this is a
general opinion."

Mr Moore, speaking in English, told the congress that
liberalsim was not a thing of
the past.

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher,
the West German Vice-Chancellor and Foreign Minister, flew
in for the congress but was
unable to stay because of the
political situation in West Germany. In a message read to
the congress on his behalf,
Herr Genscher said Spain could
count on the support of German
Liberals in its attempt to join
the Community.

Before leaving Herr Genscher
spent an hour with Señor
Suárez, the Spanish Prime

Liberals in its attempt to join the Community.

Before leaving Herr Genscher spent an hour with Señor Suárez, the Spanish Prime Minister, and lunched with Señor Marcelino Oreja, the Foreign Minister. Just before his departure he called on King Juan Carlos, with whom he Juan Carlos, with whom he presumably discussed the King's proposed visit to West Germany next month. ext month. president of A message from Mr Trudeau, Socialist Party.

was also read to the congress in which he said: " Our admiration for the Spaniards in their efforts for democratic freedom is unlimited."

Another letter read to the estimated 2,000 extendance at the company and the spaniar and the sp

the opening session was from a Soviet dissident, Miss Ludmila Alexeeva. She referred to civil rights as "the only guarantee of peace in the world".

The state-run Spanish televi-

sion network, which is dominated by conservatives, broad-cast, to the surprise of many, a 20-minute interview last night with Señor Felipe Goozalez, secretary-general of the Spanish Workers' (PSOE). The network had made its first important concession to the left earlier in the week by transmitting an interview with Senor Enrique Tierno Galvan, president of the Popular

Export council crisis over lack of funds

The British Agricultural Export Council was shorn of much of its strength on Friday when attempts failed to double its budget to 1550,000. Members who attended an extraordinary meeting of the council at the London head-quarters of the Royal Agricultural Society decided to form a committee to tell them what to do next.

Lord Glenkinglas, chairman of

the council, amounced his resignation. He said: "It is four years' hard work down the drain. It is so bloody silly, it is unbelievable." He added later: "I do not believe this is now a viable operation." Mr Dean Swift, deputy chairman of the council, said that he would resign as well. He quoted a passage which appeared in this column in Morch and described the key role held by the British Agricultural Council in the fate of the export council.

It expressed the suspicion that the agricultural council might seek the demise of the export council by offering inadequate money so so to become the national export promoter itself: "That I found extremely valid." Mr Swift said. The British Agricultural Council is an association of farming unions, landowners' lobbles, marketing boards and cooperative keting boards and cooperative groups of which little is heard. Mr Richard Butler, deputy presi-dent of the National Farmers' Union, is chairman of the council's "continuity group". Agriculture

Hugh Clayton

He was present at last Friday's meeting, He had been sent a copy of a letter which Lord Glenkin-glas wrote to Sir Heary Plumb, president of the NFU, last Thurs-

cresident of the NFU, last Thursday.

Lord Glenkinglas told Sir Henry that the export council had wan assurances about money which would give it the income prescribed for the coming year as long as the Government and the farming industry paid their shares. The industry was represented in that instance by the British Agricultural Corporation.

"I assume ", Lord Glenkinglas continued, " that I may tell Friday's extraordinary general meeting that the farming industry's share will be forthcoming, but should be grateful for your confirmation."

He told reporters after the meeting

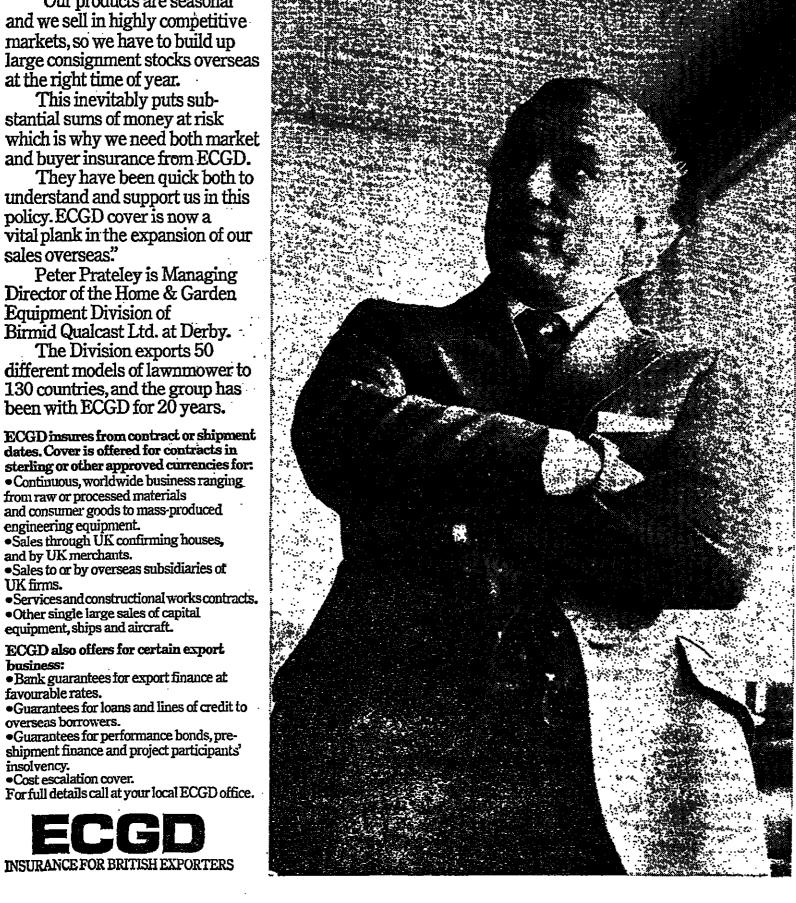
Confirmation."

He told reporters after the meeting that difficulties had arisen because some of the money considered by his council to be secure for the coming year would be derived from charges for services and not subscriptions, "I was told at one o'clock by Richard Butler that as he has not got £70,000

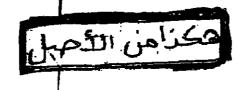
were to get nothing."

A statement about finding a doubled budget for the export council was issued by Mr Butler in mid-February. It said: "The BAC said that £35,000 of this money would be contributed by the farming industry provided that both the ancillary industries and the Government contributed similar sums.

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To make an appointment or for information contact the Information Officer, Export Credits Guarantee Department—quoting reference TI -at Glasgow, Belfast, Leeds, Manchester, Birmingham, Cambridge, Bristol, London West End. Croydon or Tottenham offices; or Joan Swailes, Information Section, ECGD, Aldermanbury House, London EC2P 2EL (Tel: 01-606 6699. Extr. 258).



both the anculary housewest the Government contributed similar sums.

"The balance of the proposed budget would be contributed by members' subscriptions to the British Aericultural Export Council, and by fees charged for work done."

Air Butler told reporters on Friday that the BAC's difficulties had been "laid on one side at the moment". His most significant answer was to a question about the nature of any future promotional body for British farm produce abread. "We should hope to see it kult in with any promotional body for this country", he said.

Lord Genkinglas called the BAC "a talking shop", which had hehaved "absolutely abominably" of the 535.000 which had been secured in the three preceding weeks "not more than \$1.000 came from anything to do with BAC".

Certainly the BAC should be recreated in emilion of the

with BAC."
Certrinly the BAC should be persuaded to emilain policy about farm promotions at home and chood. Until it does so, susticion will remain that it engineered the collapse of the export council for reasons of self-interest alone.

overseas Ser at risk after 35 die in Overseas Karachi under curfew | US customs seize | 300 antique weekend of rioting

From Hassan Akhtar Rawalpindi, March 20

Curfew was reimposed this afternoon for an indefinite period on two districts of Karachi, the mainly industrial labour centres which were the scene of violent rioting and clashes with police yesterday. The curiew was lifted for four hours after midday today to allow people to do essential shopping and attend to necessary domestic chores.

The Army took control of the

west and east districts of Karachi yesterday when the civil administration was unable to cope with the arson and violence. On Friday and Saturday about 35 people were reported dead in police firings and factional killings.

Several deaths were also reported from Hyderabad, 120 miles from Karachi in the interior of Sind province.

organized the civil disobedience movement after their defeat in the national elections of March They include Air Marshal Asghar Khan; Professor Ghafur Abmad, secretary general of the alliance; and Professor Azam Faruqi. Begum Wali Khan was also reported to be arrested but the official list does not include her name. All these opposition leaders won seats in the National Assembly in the elections.

Press reports from Karachi and other troubled centres are reported to be subject to government censorship but the army, using armoured cars and tanks, is said to have moved into several towns. There have been further reports of attempts to break the curfew restrictions being foiled by troops, and police have used tear gas in dispersing public demonstra-tions in different parts of Pakistan.

The Government has now arrested most members of the central committee of the Pakistan National Alliance of period and school and college examinations due this month have been put off.

Germans resist US over atom deal

By Pearce Wright Science Correspondent

The West Germany industry is flercely resisting pressure from the United States to in Brazil as part of an arrangement that also includes construction of a group of nuclear power stations.

accusations that they are put-ting weapons technology at the disposal of the Brazilians. In turn they accuse the Americans of misinterpreting the non-proliferation controls of the international Atomic Energy

kreislauf, the recently formed trade association of German nucleac firms.

Indeed, a rebuke is offered to the United States for trying to restrict the number of countries with access to nuclear fuel

The Germans argue that counrescind a contract to build a tries like Brazil possess all the nuclear fuel reprocessing plant technical means of developing nuclear weapons on their own if they so wish.

The intention to limit the

number of countries with repro-The Germans are rejecting cessing installations they consider to be contrary to the aim of the non-proliferation treaty, which allows countries to develop nuclear technology for peaceful purposes. This provi-sion does not exclude the tech-

International Atomic Energy
Agency.

This response to talks between
West Germany and the United
States is outlined in a briefing
document from Kernbreanstoffkreislauf, the recently formed development does not invite any widening of the nuclear

objects

Prom Norman Hammond San Francisco, March 20 One of the largest hauls of

smuggled pre-Colombian American antiquities ever seized by the United States customs has been identified this week in San Francisco. The material is believed to have been stolen from museums and private col-lections, rather than recently looted from archaeological sires. More than 300 objects have been seized, mostly pottery vessels and figurines, but also some stone statuettes, and a number of fakes. It is these forgeries, as well as the fact that some of the pieces have been expertly mended, that suggest robbery from museums

rather than looting.

Professor Karen Bruhus, of San Francisco State University, an expert on ancient Central and South American archae-ology, who was called in by customs to identify the material, said today: "Much of the collection is of very high quality, and the objects seem to have been specially selected."

The bulk of the material originated in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama, although other objects came from as far apart as Peru, and the west coast of Mexico.

The stone statuettes are of Nicaraguan and Costa Rican types and three jade necklaces are also believed to be from Costa Rica. The antiquities were seized

in Placerville, northern Cali-fornia, 150 miles north-east of San Francisco, after several days surveillance by customs agents. It is an offence to imfrom a number of countries in Latin America with which the United States has treaties.

Customs suspect a further offence, as the collection contains the skin of an ocelor, a member of the jaguar family, which, as an endangered species is protected from commercial exploitation.

Shah pardons 653 Teheran, March 20.-The

Shah of Iran has pardoned 653 prisoners, including 91 con-victed of anti-state activities, to today.-Reuter.



Dr Castro receives a spear, a traditional African gift to a warrior, during his visit to an agricultural school in Tanzania. President Nyerere is on the right in the white hat.

Dr Castro's helping hand wins African hearts

From Nicholas Ashford

The day was so hot that the perspiration dripped from the peak of Dr Fidel Castro's forage cap as he spoke to a group of Tanzanian national servicemen and Cuban techni-"We are poor, but Tanzania is poorer", the Cuban Prime Minister told his audience.
"We would like to help you more but the poorer."

more but we cannot because our resources are preoccupied in Angola." Dr Castro, dressed in army fatigues with a pistol at his hip, had arrived earlier in the morning at Ruvu agricultural school to inspect part of Cuba's aid programme to Tanzania. He chatted with Cuban construction workers and doctors, toured the almost completed building and the construction workers.

pleted building, and then sat down for yet another exhibition of tribal dancing.

Cuba is building three such agricultural schools in Tanzania, reputedly at a cost of £1,600,000 each. Its aid pro-

cludes 50 Cuban doctors, a cattle artificial insemination day at the start of an African tour which will also take in plantation. Some Western Zambia and Mozambique. scheme and a projected sugar plantation. Some Western diplomats claim there are 200 Cuban military advisers in the country, although this is denied by the Tanzanians.

Cuba's programme is modest compared with those of many other countries which are helpother commerces which are newing Tanzania, but it is the one
which the Tanzanians appreciate most. "Cuba is a very
close friend", an official
spokesman said. "It is a small
Third World country, but it
has done away which possible to

has done everything possible to aid our development."

Relations between the two countries, which have been cordial for a number of years, were consolidated during a visit to Havana by President Nyerere in 1974. Since then the role of Cuban troops in the Angolan conflict has transin Tanzanian eyes.
Tanzania's relationship with Tanzania's relationship with However, all the indications Cuba is markedly different to are that the visits are coinci-

the one it has with the Soviet

Whereas Cuba is portrayed as the poor but honest friend, the Soviet Union is seen as a large, powerful nation whose main interests in this part of

ing the Americans and the Chinese. While Cuba is prepared to share what little it has, the Soviet Union's aid to Tanzania

the world are in outmanoeuvr-

Soviet Union's aid to Tanzania has so far been almost negligible. "They have given us nothing worth talking about." the official spokesman said.

The fact that Dr Castro and president Podgorny will be vicing southern Africa at the same sime has incombly same time has inevitably caused palpitations in Salisbury and Cape Town. Their arrival is seen as the beginning of a communist-backed offenformed Dr Castro into a hero sive against the white-ruled in Tanzanian eyes.

dental. Dr Castro was touring gramme to Tanzania also in- Union whose President, Mr northern Africa and appears to

have decided only at the last minute to travel southwards. Certainly his programme in Tanzania seems to have been organized very hurriedly. The Soviet Union, on the

other hand, announced last year that President Podgorny would be visiting southern Africa in early 1977. Significantly, his tour has not been given much advance publicity in Tanzania. Zambia and Myzenkiesie. Mozembioue.

While in Tanzania President Podgorny is expected to sign agreements increasing the level of Soviet aid.

Lusaka, March 20.—Dr Cas-tro will visit Zambia during his African tour, a government spokesman announced today. Informed sources said the Cuban Prime Minister would have talks with President Kaunda and was likely to meet leaders of the Rhodesian Patriotic Front. Cuban and Zambian flags were flying in the streets of Lusaka today.—Azence France-Presse. African tour, a government Agence France-Presse.

Black man's burden, page 14

Equality for all aim of new party in Pretoria

Cape Town, March 20.-Two opposition political parties last night said they intended to form a new party on the basis of equal rights for all racial groups in South Africa.

A joint declaration was issued

by Sir de Villiers Graaff, leader of the United Party, and Mr Theo Gardener, of the tiny Democratic Party. The United Party is the biggest opposition group in the House of Assembly. The declaration's list of priorities includes: The immediate repeal of laws and administrative measures which dis-criminate against communities on the basis of race and colour; the extension to all cirizens of full civil and political rights; the establishment of equal pay for equal work.

Previous plans to unite the white opposition parties in South Africa foundered last month over whether the country should ultimately be ruled by its black majority.

The United and Democratic

parties were then involved in talks with the liberal-leaning Progressive Reform Party (PRP). Informed sources said at the time that while the PRP supported a concept of blacks and whites sharing power at all levels, the United Party wanted a built-in guarantee against

a built-in guarantee against black majority rule. The declaration issued last night said: "Politically, all citizens will share a common loyalty to South Africa, have equitable and responsible par-ticipation in decision-making and be safeguarded against domination of any group by another group." -Reuter.

Johannesburg, March 20.— The Very Rev F. S. Farisani, a leading black churchman and former president of the militant Black People's Convention, has been detained by security police, the Weskend World newspaper reported today. A dean of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, he was reportedly arrested after a morning church service. Books and files were seized.—Agence France-

Discipline in school praised by Prince

Accra, March 20.—The Prince of Wales said here that one of the main priorities of a civilized education should be the development of a sense of discipline. "The need for corporate discipline and the restriction of individual liberty by the state would be correspondingly re-duced if as many human beings self-awareness during their edu-

Prince Charles was speaking at a banquet organized by former students of Achimota School to mark its golden jubilee celebration. The Prince arrived in Ghana on Thursday for an eight-day visit. He con-ferred on Friday with General Acheampong, the Head of State, and later attended Achimota School's - grand - assembly.—

Argentine confirms his bid for Falklands company

From Andrew Tarnowski Buenos Aires, March 20

The leader of a powerful Argentine business group, reported here 17 days ago to be negotiating for the purchase of the Falkland Islands Company, today reiterated that negotiations were under way at the highest company level. Señor Hector Francisco

confirmation in an advertise-ment published in newspapers It said that "responsible negotiations at the highest company level, absolutely pri-vate", were under way at this moment. But, it added, irre-sponsible rumours and allegations could endanger success. Senor Capozzolo heads the Arbol Solo group, which has an oil refinery and extensive cattle ranches. Among them

are the former properties of Bovril Argentina, which he bought from Charrington Industrial Holdings, the British group controlling the Falkland Islands Company.

The weekly news magazine Somos reported that Senor Capozzolo has recently been in

"According to all those conplete the purchase", the magazine said. "The British Government, obviously, is not going to say yes immediately because of a question of prin-ciples. . . But the Shackleton report was disastrous for the pretensions of the Falkland Islands Company to exploit the

The first report of Señor Capozzolo's bid, published here on March 3, brought a denial from the company in London.

Antarctic cooperation threatened

Antarctica is in danger of losing its enviable status as one of the few areas of the world free from political dispute. The carefully nurtured spirit of international coopera-tion which has existed until now is in jeopardy, because of the growing awareness that the continent, which is one and a half times the size of Europe, possesses economically exploi-

Last week the 12 countries who signed the Antarctic Treaty of 1959 met in London to prepare for what may be the most important conference on the Antarctic since the treaty came into force. It will be held in September, in

The conference, the ninth biennial meeting of the 12 reported as having found a "mountain" of iron ore in one treaty powers, will be held in private, as have all the others, not even the agenda being made public. It is certain, however, that an attempt will be made to reach agreement on the some have been found.

govern exploration and exploi- new dimension into the sensit-tation, especially of oil and ive relationship between the 12

Although no exploration for oil has yet taken place, all the tion. scientific indications point to Seven of the 12 (Britain, there being vast offshore fields.

Australia, New Zealand, France, Norway, Argentina and Chile) have territorial claims

of krill can be fished annually without dangerously depleting the stock. The total catch of all fish in the world in 1974

was only slightly more—about 60 million tonnes.
On knod, the Russians are reported as having found a "mountain" of iron ore in one

and has reawakened consider-

The krill is of even greater potential significance. A tiny, shrimp-like crustacean, it is exceptionally rich in protein. Ten krills have as much protein as ½1b of steak. The most conservative estimate suggests that at least 50 million tonnes to krill can be fished annually. overlap to a large extent, and are an obvious source of pos-sible future political conflict. The other five states (United States, Russia, Japan, South-Africa and Belgium) have no claims of their own, and do not recognize those of others.

not recognize those of others.

The resources of Antarctica have attracted growing interest, particularly in the Third World, where it is argued that Antarctica forms part of the "common heritage of mankind" and the benefits from it should be shared by all with concentration on the all, with concentration on the

Hongkong scorns Taiwan plea on refugees

From Our Correspondent Hongkong, March 20

The Hongkong amborities dismiss as futile a telegram to Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, by the Taiwan Free China Relief immediately the return of returned sadiy to China.

Chinese refugees to the mainland."

The colony's controversial decision in late 1974 to return forcibly to China illegal immigrants, including the so-called freedom-swimmers ", made after consultation between Hongkong and Whitehall and was welcomed by Peking. No one bere believes there is the slightest prospect, of any

In any event, the new Taiwan approach is regarded as hypocritical because the Chinese Nationalist enthorities have always been rejuctant to let in illegal immigrants who wished to return to Taiwan after being accepted in Hongkong.

Kuomintang generals after long imprisonment in China, most of them expected to proceed to Taiwan to rejoin their families, but all were refused admittance. One Nationalist general hanged

tions on humanitarian grounds. One last week was for a woman who managed to cross the border to rejoin her husband who had himself entered the colony illegally when Hongkong was still a sanctuary. Hongkong has returned 2,174

freedom swimmers to China since the ban on illegal immigrants was imposed. Reciprocating unofficially,

China has begun to restrict visas for people wanting to enter Hongkong legally, mostly elderly people, known as "use-less mouths", who were be-coming a burden on Hongkong's housing and social services. More than 33,000 arrived found three sacks of the drug Last year, when Peking re-found three sacks of the drug Last year, when Peking re-found three sacks of the drug Last year, when Peking re-found three sacks of the drug Last year, when Peking re-found three sacks of the drug Last year, when Peking re-found three sacks of the drug Last year, when Peking re-found three sacks of the drug Last year, when Peking re-found three sacks of the drug Last year, when Peking re-found three sacks of the drug Last year, when Peking re-found three sacks of the drug Last year. legally in 1974; 26,000 in 1975,



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Australian race driver dies trom injuries Melbourne, March 20.-Max

Stewart, an Australian racing driver, died early today from injuries received yesterday at the Calder raceway, a hospital spokesman said. Stewart suffered head and body injuries when his Lola T400 crashed into the rear of a car driven by Vern Schuppan, another Australian, during practice for today's Formula 5000 race. Schuppan was not hurt but rescue teams took 20

minutes to free Stewart from According to race officials, Siewart, a three-time winner of the Australian Grand Prix was driving at about 95 mph and Schuppan was pulling up at the time.—Reuter.

Record haul of heroin Penang, March 20.-Malaysian customs officials have seized a record haul of heroin worth about £1,500,000 in a raid on a rineapple plantation. They

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Rugby Union

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By Peter West

Rugby Correspondent

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Wales finally cooked the Scottish

Zaire Army has retaken town from invading forces, President Mobutu claims

Kinshasa, March 20.—The Zaire Army has retaken the southern town of Kasaii, which had been occupied by invasion forces from Angola, President forces from Angola, rresident Mobutu Sese Seko announced on television here last night. This indicated that the invasion force of former Katangese gendarmes had fallen back toward the Angola-Zaire border town of Dilolo.

town of Dilolo.

Kasaji is on the railway which runs from the Angolan port of Benguela to the city of Lumumbashi (formerly Elizabethville) in Shaba, the southern province of Zaire formerly known as Katanga.

It is more than 60 miles east of the Dilolo border post. A few days ago, the invaders were reported to be in the area of Mutshatsha, a village on the railway line a farther 60 miles east of Kasaji. east of Kasaji. President Mobutu went on an

inspection visit yesterday to the Shaba city of Kolwezi, a copper-mining centre also on the Benguela railway about

on deposed

Brazzaville, March 20.—The

Congolese authorities have arrested a former head of state

whom they have blamed for

the assassination of President Marien Ngouabi on Friday.

Mr Alphonse Massamba-Debat and some of his support-

ers are being interrogated by members of the 11-man mili-

tary committee set up to run the country. Mr Massamba-Debat was ousted as head of

state by the Army in 1968. Major Ngouabi came to power

four months later and changed the nation's ideological direc-

The Congolese radio said

today that Mr Massamba-Debat and what it said were his sup-

porters in Paris, would pay for the assassination "with the same blood money because we intend to cut off the heads of all enemies of the revolution".

The radio said the four-man

assassination squad bad been

led by Captain Berthelemy Kikadidi who had escaped. It

appealed to the public for information about him.

It said two of the assassins were killed in a gun battle after President Ngouabi was shot down at his residence in the military high command compound in Brazzaville. It did

not mention the fate of the

In an account of the assassination, the radio said the four

Captain Kikadidi passed him-

self off as an officer recently returned from the Soviet Union. He said he was on offi-

As soon as Major Ngouabi

the President col-

appeared there was an exchange of automatic pistol

lapsed, fatally wounded.

President Nyerere of Tan-

and should be bunted down.

mittee issued a communiqué

banning gatherings of more than five people. It warned

"troublemakers" that any demonstrations aimed at dis-

rupting public order would be

"rigorously put down". The dusk-to-dawn curfew imposed

yesterday would also remain in

force.—Reuter and Agence France-Presse.

Successor to

Archbishop

Nairobi, March 20

Luwum chosen

The Right Rev Silvano Wani, Bishop of Madi and West Nile.

was elected Archbishop of Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Boga-Zaire in Kampala at the

weekend. He succeeds Arch-bishop Janani Luwum, who died

soon after being arrested in Kampala a mouth ago after the

discovery of a plot to over-throw the Amin regime.

March 20.—The mission sent to

Indo-China by President Carter flew in here tonight on its way

home, hoping that the path to

From Our Correspondent

Meanwhile the military com-

zania and President Kaunda of

fourth assassin.

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president

20.-The halfway between Dilolo and Lumumbashi. He was accom-panied by foreign journalists. The journalists reported that the President claimed the attack was designed to damage

the Zaire economy.

President Mobutu recalled that an attack by mercenaries had been made against his country in 1967 when a plan for economic improvement was being carried out with the help of the International Monetary Fund: He was referring to an uprising of mostly European mercenaries in the east. He was quoted as saying: This year again as I have com-

pleted a plan for economic improvement, Zaire is once more under aggression by mer-In Brussels, Mr Jean Tshombe, Moise Tshombe's son, was quoted today as saying that Cubans were not involved in the incursion into Zaire from

He told the Brussels news-paper La Libre Belgique that

he had been in contact with Luanda, the capital of Angola. It was clear, he said, that the Cubans " are certainly not taking part in the operation". The people responsible for the incursion were almost cer-

tainly the former gendarmes who had supported his father's attempt to set up an indepen-dent state of Katanga in the

dent state of Katanga in the 1960s. The gendarmes were hoping to "bring to an end a regime no longer wanted by the people of Zaire."

In Dakar, the pro-Government Senegalese daily Le Soleil said that the events in Zaire amounted to a challenge to the Organisation of African Unity. "It is high time for the OAU to rise above its divisions, to put aside its backroom squabbling, and to emerge from its lethargy to face up to the basic problems, which are no longer problems, which are no longer only those of decolonization and liberation in this part of the world."—Agence France-Presse,

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intended to help American

industry to recovery by increas-

ing import tarifis on Japanese

television sets. Mr Fukuda

cannot be expected to consider

conscience



Calixto Ramirez

After his arrest Señor Ramírez

The American Government police station to another and announced last week that it is presently held in Emboscada, a new prison camp near Asuncion, to which most political prisoners have been transferred

Repeated hunger strikes, harsh conditions and maltreat-ment have seriously affected Senor Ramirez's health. He has the forces.

However, he also promised—
and will doubtless repeat the pledge to Mr Fukuda—that he would not take any action that would jeopardize Japanese security.

Jeth Kataniez s neath. He has been demied medical paralysis in one leg, and damaged eyesight and hearing. Apart from confinement to a police clinic after the 1974 hunger strike, he has been demied medical treat-

Prisoners of | A tasty dish



Paraguay:

By David Watts came to power in Paraguay in a coup in 1954, has maintained a state of emergency ever since, lifting the restrictions only at election time when his re-election is assured through a carefully amended constitution. Large numbers of people are arrested whenever the Government perceives an alleged com-munist threat. Those involved

are usually released shortly afterwards. But there are an estimated 450 long-term prison-ers, who include Senor Calixto Ramirez, a peasant farmer and member of the ruling Colorado Party. Senor Ramirez was Congo killing Washington in blossom

Party. Señor Ramirez was arrested 12 years ago. allegedly for refusing to sell sugar cane to the authorities at cut prices. He has never been charged or

was brutally tortured at the political police headquarters in Asuncion. He has been frequently transferred from one

Señor Ramírez, who is married and has one child, has gone on at least four hunger strikes in procest. In 1972 he joined with other long-term prisoners in a hunger strike which ended after 90 days when the authori-ties assured them that they would be released. In July, 1974, Senor Ramírez again went on hunger strike. He and other prisoners wrote to the Minister of the Interior asking to be released or allowed to go into exile, but without results.

goose at Murrayfield on Saturday with a try, superbly created out of defence, which they may recall with pleasure in their dotage. So with pleasure in their domae. So the triple crown was theirs again, with victory by 18—9 in a fierce and totally absorbing contest in which both teams won kudos. Scotland, who brought it to a spectacular climax as they threw in everything, were left to reflect that all of the last nine Welsh points sprang from their own mistakes.

Although two papaler bicks be Although two penalty kicks by Bennett rebounded from the posts, a brave Scottish side, playing as

expansively as they have done for years, and producing their finest performance of this championship. must have felt that on the run of the game they had done enough to earn a draw. But the writing was on the wall once this resilient Welsh team had nosed in front. Welsh team had nosed in front, with the wind at their backs, and they held on firmly to win by two goals and two penalty goals to a goal and a penalty goal.

It was 9-9, midway through the second half, when Fenwick intercepted a lobbed pass by McGeechan in the Welsh 25 and kicked straight down the middle into space. Shedden had time to kick for touch but, having allowed timestif to be mailed by J. P. R.

timself to be nailed by J. P. R. Williams, he slipped a high pass that Cranston knocked on on his goal line. To make things worse, Gerald Davies was obstructed and Scotland failed to release the ball after a tackle. So instead of yielding a scrummage, Scotland presented bree penalty points kicked at the shortest range by Bennett.

A few minutes later, McGeeclan missed what looked to be a 3—2 overlap on the right, whereupon an Irvine chip, precisely executed, toucked off the fuse for Weish genius. J. P. R. Williams made a rock-like save and, though knocked over by Carmichael complete for



giving a pass to Eurober that may or may not have been forward. Now, as Scottish cover homed across, the Welsh centre bowled a clever, under-arm pass inside that Felwick, under acute pressure, brilliantly flicked on to Bennett. With one conclusive sidestep and swerve Bennett left the last two backers and shot cleve. step and swerve Bennett leit the last two tacklers and shot clear to the posts. It was a lethal thrust, magnificently done, and Bennett with the simplest of goal kicks supplied the last twist.

How different the early picture, when McGeechan's left foot at once landed a 35 yards dropped goal behind a ruck set up by Biggar from the scrummage. Although Bennet soon landed a fine penalty from 10 yards farther out on the right, by the second quarter the Scittish forwards were spilling the ball out of ruck upon ruck, and the creative McGeechan on three occasions glided and jinked through inside his man. In the centre, Renwick looked sharp, Cranston powerful and uncomplicated, and the ubiquitous Irvine hungry for the slightest though Wales their defeate held

Irvine hungry for the slightest chance. Wales, their defence holding, could be grateful at that stage for the superlative line kicking of Bennert. Wales, running distinctly short Wales, running distinctly short of good set piece possession, but maning the better, were frustrated by collapsed scrummages, by penalties in attacking positions, and, at the linecut, by the productive operations of McHarg, who gave Martin a difficult afternoon. The scrummaging story was Clive Williams, now facing the tirrusty Carmichael. At loose head, McLauchan announced his return to Scottlell ranks with a rumbust-

McLauchian announced his return to Scottish ranks with a rumbusticusty effective display.

He may yet be summering in New Zealand and in that event could be a candidate for the Lions captaincy.

A rearrained Edwards, whose kicking—by his own high standards—was inconsistent, rarely had the platform to satisfy him. Morgan, busy and sturdy, kicked shrewtly, had more opportunity to display his vision of the game and may have enhanced his claim for a Lions place. So, on the Scottish wing, did Gammell, with an all round game of strength and good sense.

It was 3—3 at the interval, Bennett to his evident chagrin just having missed a most kickable penalty as well as having given a bad pass to Davies as Wales developed attacking rhythm. Then, when Wales switched direction. J. J. Williams spoiled things by dropping a pass directed at

by dropping a pass directed at his navel. Scotland regained the lead shortly afterwards when Morgan ran flat from a sound scrummage base and the scissoring Renwick, over by Carmichael, somehow fed cleanly to Fenwick, who ran flat across his posts before giving to Gerald Davies. Two dazzling sidestraightened up the line, leaving straightened up the line, leaving at thin air, and there was Bennett. sprinting away up the right and solve of good set piece possession, but mailing the better, were frust-ran flat from a sound scrummage, by care from a sound scrummage, by collapsed scrummages, by attacking positions, and, at the lineaut, by the productive operations of McHarg, right. The full back looked inside the possession, but mailing the better, were frust-ran flat from a sound scrummage backling positions, and the lineaut, by the productive operations of McHarg, right. The full back looked inside the possession, but mailing the better, were frust-ran flat from a sound scrummage backling positions, and the lineaut, by the productive operations of McHarg, right. The full back looked inside the possession, but afterwards when Morgan ran flat from a sound scrummage backling positions, and of the lineaut, by the productive operations of McHarg, right. The full back looked inside the possession, but afterwards when Morgan ran flat from a sound scrummage backling positions, and of the lineaut, by the productive operations of McHarg, but he stabbed inside the possession, but afterwards when Morgan ran flat from a sound scrummage backling positions, and the lineaut, by the productive operations of McHarg, but he scissoring Renwick, having accelerated through the middle, gave to Irvine on his right. The full back looked covered, but he stabbed inside the possession, but afterwards when Morgan ran flat from a sound scrummage.

That was a rousing good score, as was the first Welsh try that followed it. This, too, came from a scrummage ball, Burcher making a dummy run on one side betory. Edwards switched to the left. The ball went swiftly and accurately via Bennett, Fenwick and J. P. R. Williams for J. J. Williams to outflank the defence, and for Bennett to convert from far out. Then came the conclusive Welsh scoring, as already described, and the last desperate Scottish sailies, often from tapped penalties, with Irvine always in the van. Apart from one knock on of a rolling ball, Irvine had been as safe as the Bank of Scotland.

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WALES: J. P. R. Williams Bridgered: T. C. R. Davies Cardiff S. Forwick: Bridgered D. H. Bucker INterport: J. J. Williams (Llanellit; P. Bennet (Llanellit; C. Williams) (A).

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C. Price (Poolypool), A. J. Marri, Cheraton, R. W. Windson (Pontyrool), G. Price (Poolypool), A. J. Marri, Cheraton, T. J. Cobmer (Pontyrool), Swanson, T. J. Cobmer (Pontyrool), B. L. Williams), R. L. Burgess (Ebbw Vale).

Referee: G. Domerre (France).

Final table

for Fukuda visit From Patrick Brogan Japan, West Germany and other nations can recover, the whole Washington, March 20 world economy will decline". Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Prime

Minister of Japan, is arriving here tonight and will be

welcomed formally to Washing-

ton by President Carter

tomorrow. Mr Fukuda is Japan's elder statesman. Mr Carter was a member of the Trilateral Commission, an organizacion devoted to improving relations between North America, Japan and western Europe. Thus, the President has at least some knowledge of-Japan and interest in its affairs.

This is cherry blossom time, when the trees presented to Washington by the Japanese 50 years ago, burst into bloom. After the usual welcoming ceremonies outside the White House, the two statesmen will begin their serious discussions.

When his aeroplane stopped at Seattle on his way here, Mr Fukada told reporters that unless the United States,

this a very suitable policy, but since Japan had a trade surplus of \$5,360m (about £3,340m) with the United States last year, he will be prepared to examine American demands that some-

thing must be done to lessen it.
The discussions between the
two leaders will be devoted
largely to the London summit in May and to security questions such as the possible withdrawal of American troops from South during the election campaign last year that he would reduce troop levels or even pull out all

and will doubtless repeat the pledge to Mr Fukuda—that he

People plagued by aircraft noise want no further discomfort but the hostility is not universal

Why New Yorkers fear Concorde

men passed through two check-points in a car at the military great deal of hostility and will not be accepted by the com-munities around Kennedy air-port, Mrs Florence Shustack

Mrs Shustack, the wife of an accountant living in the New York borough of Queens, added: "It would only add to what we are going through already, when we can't even watch a television programme in peace. Why should we have Zambia both expressed their shock at the assassination today. Dr Kaunda said the assassins were "in the pay of imperialists and their agents" to tolerate the fact that a few wealthy men want to save an hour or two of their time?" This statement is typical of the opposition to Coucorde landings that has grown in New York's eastern suburbs. Mrs Shustack was speaking at a newsagents' shop in Howard Beach, a neighbourhood right on the edge of the airport, and as she spoke Mrs Mary Smith, standing behind the counter, nodded her agreement.

nodded her agreement. the local orthodoxy, it is far from universal. During an hour aircraft approach route, and as

houses, the broad thoroughfare of Cross-Bay Boulevard, and the Shellback Basin, a narrow strip of water lined with

Yet almost as significant as Mrs Shustack's remarks was the hurried comment of a young man who came into the shop while we were talking, bought a copy of *Playboy*, and refused to give his name. He said that he certainly thought He accused Mrs Smith of wanting to take advantage of the economic benefits of the airport without accepting the disadvantages. Many of the houses in the area had been built since the airport's construction, so that the residents could have known what to

So although opposition to Concorde has become part of

we spoke a jet came over every Cross-Bay Boulevard, in an few minutes, passing over the Italian delicatessen, a Jewish neat, detached middle-class delicatessen, a health food store and a shop selling spare parts for cars, I found more people opposed than in favour. It is clear that the local people are tired of the discomfort they already suffer from living near the airport, and think Concorde would make it worse. Almost all the complaints I heard concerned present problems such as the deafening noise and the dirt from exhaust fumes, and few were to do with Concorde itself.

At the same time several people, mostly men, were in-trigued by the notion of flying at twice the speed of sound and some commented that pro-gress could not be stopped. When pressed, some even admitted that they would like a trial period for Concorde landings to see whether the aircraft was as noisy as it has been re ported—a trial that has so far been refused by the Port Authority of New York and

French reign by rejecting their heritage From Richard Streeton

Dublin, March 20

France began a reign as International rugby champions which could last through next season and possibly much longer when they beat Ireland here yesterday. All of France's remaining ambitions were fulfilled as they won

tions were fulfilled as they won by a goal and three penalty goals (15 points) against two penalties (6) by Ireland, who all through provided sterner resistance than had been expected.

This ruthlessly efficient rather than exsiting French side provide the first instance in modern times of a team winning all four international matches in the same season without conceding a try. England in 1913 were the last to do this. It is also the first time that the grand slam has been achieved with the same 15 players.

Acclaim and bouquets, thereif France's triumphant winter has brought quibbles and some regret, too, in its wake. Any realistic appraisal of the French season has to note that they have dominated the championship by rejecting their rugby heritage.

Prime emphasis for the first time has been put on disciplined

some combatative and spirited Irish play. France had to keep their covering tight; possession was kicked away; and tackling had to remain sure and tenacious,

with caution the keynote to the end. It was the same pattern which has formed the basis of this especially caught the eye this time among the pack and sound defen-sive work by the wingers, Averous

mentioned.
Penalties by Gibson and Quinn

power and unity among their forwards. There has been an almost complete avoidance of the flamboyant handling of bygone eras which brought its share of a flamboyant handling of bygone the eras which brought its share of a flamboyant handling of bygone eras which brought its share of a flamboyant handling of bygone eras which brought its share of a frait more common to the four home countries, and in the southern hemisphere, than to the southern hemisphere, th can extract a little satisfaction.

It was a hard uncompromising game, with the guilt for the most blatant of the physical transgressions between the forwards being equally shared. Duggan won Ireland a far greater share of the lineout ball than had been expected; Slattery was always prominent and Steele as a flanker contributed more to an exhilarating display by the Irish forwards than had been predicted he might do. Robbie's departure after six minutes with a suspected broken ankle was a cruel blow for Ireland as well as for Robbie's own chances of selection for the Lions. chances of selection for the Lions. Among the backs Quinn performed wonders in defence and McLennau with limited chances made a good first impression. For France Paparemborde and Poco

Penalties by Gibson and Quinn with one in reply from Romeu put Ireland 6—3 ahead at half time. Aguirre kicked two penalties in the second half and in between them came the game's only try: one of those sudden lunges in counter-attack in which the French specialize. From broken play in the French 25, Aguirre burst away for 43 yards; then came a long pass to Paco, who carried on the movement before Bastiar completed the try before Bastiat completed the try which Aguirre converted.

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FRANCE: J-M. Aguirro (Fignères);

D. Hartze (Toulouse), R. Bertrance (Bagnères); F. Sanaulti (Narbonne),

J-L. Avenous (La Voulle); J-P. Roc; il (Montlerrand), J. Fourous (Ja. Voulle); G. Cholley (Castros), A. Paro (Bèziors), R. Paparemborde (Pau),

J-F. Imbernon (Perpignan), M. Paimè (Bèziers), J-P. Rives (Toulouse), Rives (Toulouse), J-P. Rives (Toulouse), Rives (Toulo

Army pack keep RAF in the last tournament place

By Michael Hardy

The Navy having already won the Services tournament, it was left to Saturday's game at Twickenham to decide who should come last. In the event, it was the RAF, for the second year running, but the Army did not have things all their own way in winning by a goal, a try, and three penalty goals (19pts) to a try and three penalty goals (13).

three penalty goals (13).

There was a time mid-way through the first half, when the Army, then leading by 15—3, looked as though they would walk away with the match. Orwin, however, with one prodigious effort from 50 yards among the three penalties he kicked, kept the RAF in touch. Hickey, a lively flank forward, charged down an Army defensive kick from a five-yard scrummage and grabbed him-

self a try on the rehound. And in the end it was the RAF, with the wind behind them, who looked long is it since the Royal Army Chaplains were represented at Twickenbam?—had the great merit of keeping his thin red line going without recourse to kicking. If his own inventiveness appeared limited, he at least achieved more

gyrations in seeking to avoid the Army flank forwards sometimes recalled the mythical bird that the more likely to score.

The forwards were evenly matched, with a slight edge for the RAF in the line-outs, but it was notable that the Army pack, in the period of late pressure by their opponents, could still summon up the strength to push the RAF off a ball they had won in a five-yard scrummage.

It was in the backs that the Army had what little advantage there was between the two trams, long is it since the Royal Army long is it since the Royal Army in the forward off, who is apparently leaving them and who had been nominated at centre. So they had nobody to rival the thrust provided for the Army by Jackson. Nor did they have, even with Steele in the team, anyone who could carth Reynolds when some lined in first-half try. been nominated at centre. So they had nobody to rival the thrust provided for the Army by Jackson. Nor did they have, even with Steele in the team, anyone who could catch Reynolds when Drummond's pass sent him away well inside his own half for a splendid first-half try.

It was Reynolds who scored again for the Army 12 minutes later when, with the centres missed out, Grieve came into the line and was unaccountably not line and was unaccountably not tackled, so that he was left with the comparatively simple task of

who converted this try, also kicked ARMY: Capt C. I. Grieve i Duke of Wellington's Regit; Cal D. S. R. ynolds i REME: Lt W. I. N. Arkinson Duke of Wellington's Regit; Cal P. S. Grieve i RAMG.

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J. R. Willis (RENE: Pte P. M. S. Mills (Parachula Regit) Sgi P. D. Smith (RAOCI, Capt J. M. Bowles (INCT), Capt C. L. G. Wright (RCS)

Capt G. J. W. Gilbert (Duke et Wellington's Regit). L Sgt R. Spring (Coldstream Guards).

RAF: Col M. K. Howe (Waddington): Saf W. C. G. Riede (Uwirlder): Cul R. Sewand (Brix Northon Col II. Bality (Brawdy): J Tech S. Rogers (Scampton): Col A. Green (Northol): Gal S. Grey (Ushridge): Col J. B. Pricer (Inneworth): F Saf J. Viccarthy (Teddington): Sai S. Pickering (Scampton): SaG J. Urch (Brice Northol): J/Tech D. Viccarthy: Sai Mawgain. P. G. Hickery (Halton): San Ldr G. W. Fride (Newton): Cpt W. W. Jenkins (Malton): Referee: J. A. Short (Scottish Ri'U).

Soviet author sees danger to peace in rights drive

tin Katayev, a prominent Soviet novelist today branded political dissidents as "instigators of war" and said that Western politicians who played bost to them could be judged by the company they kept.

Writing in Pravda, Mr Katayev, who is 30, identified no Western leader by name but his strongly worded commentary seemed primarily aimed at President Carter, who met Mr Vladimir Bukovsky, the exiled dissident, at the White House three weeks ago. At a time when war could mean the death of everything

Dr Wani, aged 61, is married with eight children. He comes rrom the West Nile district, the same area as President Amin's family. He has been Dean of the (Anglican) Church of Uganda since 1974 and Chaplain-General to the Uganda armed forces since 1964.
His election by the bishans from the West Nile district, the mean the death of everything living, the dissidents were inciting one state against another without understanding—or preserved to understand—the frightful game they were playing, he said.

According to trail, Oleg Volciting one state against another kov, aged 37; was semenced to without understand—the regime", and ordered to pay frightful game they were playing, he said.

Yuli Rubakov, aged 31, was given six years on strict and the said. armed forces since 1964.

His election by the bishops
of the Church of Uganda took
place in Namirembe cathedral,
Kampala, soon after the bishops

US Hanoi mission hopeful

Clark Air Base, Philippines, Iarch 20.—The mission sent to bodies of 12 Air Force and naval pilots which were flown back to the United States yesterday.

"We now have an under-

normal relations with Vietnam standing for a constructive and Laos had been cleared by mechanism for future procedure

its discussions about American soldiers still missing from the war.

Mr Leonard Woodcock, the mission leader and head of the United Autoworkers Union, told reporters: "I feel that it's been very useful and construct of the visit to Vientiane had been very useful and construct of the visit to Vientiane had been very useful and construct of the visit to Vientiane had been very useful and construct of the mechanism for future procedure on the question of the missing in action and in the procedure on the question of the missing in action and in the procedure on the question of the missing in action and in the procedure on the question of the missing in action and in the procedure on the question of the missing in action and in the procedure on the question of the missing in action and in the procedure on the question of the missing in action and in the procedure on the question of the missing in action and in the process laid the basis, at the will of the procedure on the question of the missing in action and in the process laid the basis, at the will of the procedure on the question of the missing in action and in the procedure on the procedure on the question of the procedure on the question of the procedure on the question of the procedure on the procedure of the procedure of the procedure of the procedure on the procedure of the procedure of the procedure of th

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Mr Woodcock put special ent- had hopes for developing simi-

phasis on what he called the lar mechanisms as in Hanoi.—symbolic action of the Viet-

Moscow, March 20.—Valenin Katayev, a prominent Soviet
overlist today branded political
appropriate to recall the saying that a man is known by the company he keeps." Mr. Katayev went on: "The dissidents-cum-failures have dreamt up the question of human rights and made of it an instrument of anti-Sovietism

A Leningrad court yesterday sentenced to labour camp terms two artists accused of painting protest slogans on buildings last year. They were convicted of damaging state property, hooliganism, robbery and receiving stolen goods. According to a Western reporter at the trial, Oleg Volkov, aged 37; was semenced to "As to those prominent poti- given six years on "strict ticions of some capitalist coun-regime" and fined 4,190 tries who demonstratively play roubles.—Reuter.

Fourth Singapore

Singapore, March 20.—The Singapore Government has

arrested M. R. Joethy, a lawyer,

for questioning under the

Internal Security Act, the police

said at the weekend. No reason

Mr Joethy is the fourth lawyer to be detained this year

under the Act. The others were

arrested last month for ques-

tioning in connexion with

alleged pro-communist activi-

ties. Eight other people have

been arrested since February

10. Three were released three days ago.—Reuter.

was given.

lawyer arrested

Charter 77 seeks friends in Romania Vienna, March 20.-Mr Paul

Goma, Romania's leading human rights activist, has urged President Ceausescu to come out in support of the Czechoslovak Charter 77 human rights group. In an open letter published here yesterday by the Vienna popular daily, Neue Kronen Zeitung, Mr Goma, an author, aged 42, suggested that the Romanian President should send a personal message to the Czechoslovak authorities backing the charter's signatories. Mr Goma, whose works have been banned in Romania, complained that he had been unable to gather signatures for his own letter of solidarity with the Charter movement because Romanians feared reprisals by

Romanians feared reprisals by the authorities.

"There are only two people who do not fear the secret police—your esteemed self and myself", he wrote to the Presi-dent. "I am convinced that millions of Romanians would follow your example and would express their solidarity with Czech and Slovak (activists)." Mr Goma said a presidential letter would allow Romania to attend the follow-up conference to the Helsinki declaration on European security, due to be held in Belgrade in June, "with

Among other topics, the 35-nation conference is expected to review steps to implement the declaration, which has been a central theme of the Charter 77 protests. In Prague, informed sources said the Czechoslovak authoriries have released about thirty people, most of them human

rights activists, who were held earlier this week.—Reuter.

Harlequins surprised by the ease of their victory

than his opposite number, whose putting the wing away. Atkinson.

By Nicholas Keith Harlequins must have surprised even themselves by the eventual ease of their victory over Coven-

ease of their victory over Coventry at Stoop Memorial ground on Saturday. At half-time, Coventry looked all over the winners, although they led only 8—4.

However, Harlequins transformed the game in the second half when they had the wind at their backs, maidly by expert and enterprising back play which brought them 23 points. For once, an English back division made proper use of their opportunities. It is a strange from that the best club sides in England—Coventry and Moseley for instance—rely on the strength of their forwards and their backs hardly get a look in; whereas some of the better threequarters are starved by the relative weekness of their own for

wards. English three-quarters must learn to fill their bellies on crumbs—and Harlequins showed the way on Saturday.

In the half an hour fley turned the half-time deflict into a lead of 24—11 and at no-side they had carried the day by three tries, a goal, a penalty, and two dropped goals (27 pts) to three tries and a penalty (15). Coventry had a penalty (15). Coventry had a penfect start with a try in the second minute, when Winship's clearance was charged down by McCarthy and Walker followed up to score. In fact, this was Winship's only mistake. Harlequins soon replied through Wood on tie left, when a break hy Gilbert found that Coventry's defence had gone AWOL.

Now Coventry took the initiative and their forwards won ruck after ruck, but they failed to the comman made it 11-all with a penalty. From the kick off their pack tried a forward surge from a tapped penalty eight yards from Harlequins' line, but this tactic failed, too. At last, Maisey was presented with a try in the 37th minute by Aitchison, who earlier had wasted an excellent break by Grimshaw with a weak pass.

It seemed that Coventry could now clinch the game but Harlequins took heart and control in the second half. In rapid succession, Lambert was in for a try after exchanging passes with Barry: Gilbert dropped a goal; but Cowman made it 11-31 with a penalty. From the kick off there came the best try of all, by D. A. Cooke; Alexander fielded

the kick. Wood the Cambridse University winger, received the ball via Winship and D. A. Cooket although Wood was barried by several defenders he smuggled an inside pass to D. A. Coole with great acumen. A second dropped goal by Gilbert and a deserved try for Gubert and a deserved try lof Coventry's reach, although Weston scored the visitors' third try after a kick ahead by Cowman. Lembert landed a penaity goal at the end MARLEOUINS; K. M. Bushell: C. W. Linbert, D. A. Cooke, P. J. Hamt, G. Lood; G. Gilbert, S. Winshir, P. Sandand, D. M. Harry, J. N. Uhipo, Sandand, D. M. Harry, J. N. Uhipo, Sandand, C. D. Barrett, P. B. Sandander, D. H. Cowmans, A. C. Alexander, D. H. COWENTRY; S. A. R. COMMAN, S. Obernater S. A. R. Cowmen: S. Cowmen: S. Cowmen: S. Cowmen: S. A. R. Cowmen: S. Cowmen: S. Cowmen: S. Cowmen: S. Cowmen: S. Cowmen: S. C. Cowmen: S. Cowmen: S. C. Cowmen: S. Cowmen: S. C. Cowmen: S. C. Cowmen: S. C. Cowmen: S. C. Cowmen: S. Cowmen: S. Cowmen: S. Cowmen: S. Cowmen: S. C. Cowmen: S. C. Cowmen: S. C. Cowmen: S. Cow

Rugby League

England go down to fierce French tackling

Carcassonne, France, March 20
—England's superior forwards brought them no reward here today against the flerce tackling, adventurous French in the Rugby League triangular tournament which France won by defeating England 28—15.

It was the first French victory over England since March 1970 and only their second international success in two years. They broke the sequence of losses were worth to smother the sequence of losses were worth to smother the pational success in two years. They broke the sequence of losses against Wales at Toulouse last month, winning 13-2. France, leading 12-5 at half-time, won by five tries, three goals and a dropped goal to three tries an othere goals. A stirring second half culminated in two goals and a regular

in two goals and a penalty goal in a seven minute period which ensured victory. Jean-

conversions and three penalty gnals.

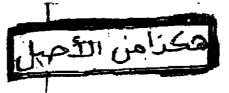
The England pack, led by Costleford loose forward Steve Norton, was unable to secure victory for England. France's forwards, under the impulse to 31-year-old second row, Jean-pierre Sauret, tackled for all they were worth to smother the England attacks. French improvisation won the day against England attacks. French improvisation won the day against sterner England methods. Phil Lowe of Hull Kingston Rovers, Michols of St Helens, who came on as a substitute, and David Smith of Leeds scored the England fries, the Wigan full-back, George Fairbalen, converted. Squash rackets

Johnson restores family dignity in men's final

By Rex Bellamy Squash Rackets Correspondent

than justice to their international reputations. Airs Johnson's backhand was so erratic that she must have wished it was possible to run round it: a freedom of movement the structure of a squash forbids. Squash Rackets Correspondent
Teresa Lawes (Kent) and
Robert Johnson (Surrey) won the
Greater London squash rackets
championships, sponsored by
H. R. Owen Lid, at Wembley
yesterday. Miss Lawes beat
Johnson's wife. Theo, by 9—0,
2—7, 9—1 in 25 minutes, though
Mrs Johnson led 6—1 in the
second game. Johnson, who was
4—7 down in the first game, and
surrived a game ball at 6—8, beat
Pat Kirton, 10—8, 9—1, 9—0, in
34 minutes.
Both finals were one-sided and
consequently disappointing, in
spite of the admirable qualities
of the winners. The losers are
distinguished players, but did less The dignity of this Dulwich family was restored by the hubband. It took Johnson 23 minutes to come from behind and win the first game, in which Kirton demonstrated how effectively the game can be played by the wrist and forearm, without anything that could reasonably be described as a backswing, Kirton's game was

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Bowles may miss the start of next season

Though it might be said that he could hardly put his trust in such a humiliated selection again, the loss through injury this weekend of Greenhoff and Bowles could mean more changes than even Mr Revie would wish. Bowles

Football Correspondent

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One of the many accusations and against Don Revie, the England manager. after last month's defeat by the Nethermonth's def

been highly effective.

For Rangers, the blow came after a week in which they were knocked out of the Uefa Cup and were concerned about other injuries to Francis and Thomas. with games in hand, they still held slight hopes of qualifying for next season's Uefa Cup, but because of their 1—0 defeat by Bristol City there is now little chance. much longer." Possibly because he was among several players below form against the Durch, Bowles (would not have been Bristol have as much chance as

Derby County and West Ham United of escaping relegation although, above them, Sunderland chosen to appear against Luxem-bourg, yet against a weak defence Luxembourg bave conceded 11 goals in their first two World continued to stride away, bearing the championship challengers, Ipswich Town, 1—0. Later in the season that result may be seen as

obvious threat to Liverpool is the pressure of diverse challenges, not that their performance against St Etleme in the European Cup last week showed any hints of fatigue. Today they await news of the FA Cup semi-final round draw. There is even the possibility of a mighty Cup the with Everton. Each casy route and none of the FA.
Cup survivors—Everton, Leeds
United or Manchester United—
would make it any easier. Manchester United are still well placed
to the champlantity.

other potential champions is counteracted by having nine away games in their last 14. They lost their central defender, Greenhoff, early in their 2-1 de-test of Aston Villa and their manager, Tommy Docherty, said later that his player would not be available for the England party to be announced tomorrow. Greenhoff has a strained group muscle and needs rest. The central area of England's defence is now causing problems to Mr Revie. Doyle, of Manchester City, was injured last week and Thompson, of Liverpool, is unlikely to play again argument that their run in to the for several weeks.

Liverpool cure a

By Gerald Sinstadt

their close defensive mesh, began to throw more men forward. McAndrew brought one thrilling deflection from Clemence, but the visitors were not really equipped for all-ont attack.

Middlesbrough were at their best—or worst?—in the first half, drawing in front of their goal two lines of four defenders, rarely separated by more than 15 yards. Craggs, impressively cool at right back, Boam, Maddren, and Cooper were always busy but rarely finstered. The ambition took noone's breath away but it was undeeir close defensive mesh, began

hangover

They all laughed says the song at Christopher Columbus. Seven months ago they all smiled indu-gently at Liverpool, setting sail on deep and hostile oceans. It stood neep and nostile oceans, it stood to reason that a journey of conquest round Europe, hazardous enough in itself, would seriously impair the task of keeping affairs trim and ship shape at home. But who will have the last laugh now? On Sahmday at Anfield, Liverpool beat Middlesbrough 2—0 to

pool beat Middlesbrough 2—0 to reach the semi-final round of the FA Cup for the eleventh time. Four days previously they had arrived at a similar stage of the European Cup. Meanwhile, Ipswich have been backing away from their challenge to Liverpool's grasp of the championship.

The time has arrived when strength of character and depth of resources assume equal importance with skill. Against Middlesbrough, as against St Etienne, Liverpool demonstrated their merit on all counts. In the first half they attacked without creating a single chance and defended uncertainly against swift, well-organized

arracked without creating a single chance and defended uncertainly against swift, well-organized breakaways. After Wednesday's intoxicating amosphere a hangover was not surprising.

The character came through in the second half. Eurerging as though they had donsed their heads under a cold tay, Liverpool were themselves again, shrewd, resolute and relemiless. Again it was a stunning goal from the young rednead, Fairclough, that broke the opposition.

Promoted from substitute to take the central role of the injured Toshack, Fairclough had been cramped and ineffective in the penalty area. Ten minutes after the interval he picked up a pass from Smith near the right touchline, ambled infield, found himself with an unusual amount of room and from 30 yards let fly with a shot that whistled into the Middlesbrough net.

with a shot that whistled into the Middlesbrough net.

Eight minutes later Fairclough set up the second goal. His cross was near enough to Cuff to tempt the gualkeeper but too deep for him to reach. Kennedy, who had an outstanding game for Liverpool, headed back into the middle and Keegan nodded the ball in from close range.

So far, Keegan has scored in every round of this season's FA Cup competition, and only two superb saves by Cuff prevented him from adding another couple of goals. The chances arose when Middlesbrough, forced to abandon their close defensive mesh, began

naye been controlled. LIVERPOOL: R. Clemence: P. Neal, J. Jones, T. Smith, R. Kennedy. E. Hughes, K. Keegan, J. Case, S. Heighes, K. Keegan, J. Case, S. Heighes, E. Keegan, J. Case, S. Heighes, T. Capper, G. Soutness, T. Cooper, G. Soutness, T. Cooper, G. Soutness, Saam, W. Maiddren, A. McAndrew, D. Mille, A. Wood (spb; P. Boetsma), P. Brine, D. Armstrong. Referee: J. K. Taylor (Wolverhamp

United too lively to be contained

By Norman Fox
In the first two minutes of their FA Cup sixth round the against Manchester United at Old Traiford on Saturday, Aston Villa revealed more of their true character than in the whole of the previous weeks' colourless League Cup final. United were spectators to a glorious counter attack that covered the length of the pitch and moments later were hit by Little's 30-yard shot beneath the har. This from a team supposedly weakened by the absence of Gray, Crophey and Nicholl, also tired after the demands of three competitions and dejected by failure at Wembley.

Eventually, the result a 2-1 win for United, fulfilled most predictions but Villa's opening has not the gesture of a team hoping to delay the inevitable. hoping to delay the inevitable. For the best part of the game of the precision lacking against action on the Saturday before. Sacari defeated them with 15 mutes left and only in that last price period did United, themakes weakened by the early loss of Brian Greenhoff from defence, cally dictate procedure.
The huge and delighted Man-thester crowd were remarkably urtunate to be provided with such vital and excitor game. When villa's misfortunes were made mown there was a genuine feeling that United would not wish

Leeds performance

seasons a second division club has reached the FA Cup final. This

ear there will be no repetition.

Leeds United put paid to that with a 1—0 win at Molineux in

the sixth round. It was a sophisti-cated, adult performance of con-tainment that took all the steam

his beloved pipe. I have news for him. It can be a chastening experience for the loser at the very threshold of Wembley.

However, he can take comfort from the fact that Leeds them-

selves have now reached this advanced stage for the seventh time in the past 12 years—an admirable effort of consistency, especially since the departure of such key figures as Bremner, lilles and Hunter to other

liles and Hunter to other

practice. The balance was also adjusted by Greenhoff's injury, leaving a lightweight substitute, McCreery, to play surprisingly well as a full-back.

Villa's goal after 90 seconds guaranteed spice. Mortimer, always powerful and quick to send his forwards away, gave Little possession only a few yards into United half. At this early stage Macari and Mcliroy had not gained midfield authority and Little was offered yards of space. He chose to shoot from a long distance and the ball flew over Stepney, reminding us of Bethanav's fine similar goal for St Enenne against Liverpool the previous Wednesday night. After the disappointments of the League Cup final, two such splendid goals in a week certainly compensated. Cup final, two such splendid goals in a week certainly compensated.

Gidman took the cue and began exploring upfield. Mortimer busied himself stopping United's preparations in the middle and Little, inspired by his goal, confidently neld the ball close weaving out of the bardest tackles and looking incomparably better than at Wembley. Though McIlroy beaded against their crossbar. Villa continued to create the most Villa continued to create the most inviting chances until Macari was fouled just outside their penalty



applauds (left) and Macari wheels away in triumph.

np solidly to the pressure of Greenhoff and Pearson and rode the crists. The game, challenging the greyness of the day, gathered more excitement as Stepney weirdly punched a shot from Cowans over the bar as he stemed about to hear a backwards.

Villa had resorted to fending off United and it was a natural reaction when a draw seemed the possible result. They were not the first to be penalized for such factics at Old Trafford.

But once having drawn the teeth of Richards and company there was only one logical winner from the moment Eddie Gray headed Leeds ahead at the half-hour in only their second serious attack. It was a teythook example of By Tom German If there was reluctance in their limbs and distraction in their thoughts after two wearing attempts within a week to determine the destination of the League mine the destination of the League Cup, Everton, like a conjuror, concealed them up some accom-modating sleeve at Goodison Park. They beak Derby County by two well-taken goals, without response, in Saturday's FA Cup quarter-final tie to edge a little closer to a second visit to Wembley. Get there or not, they have managed, no doubt to their surprise, to sound a faufare in a season which not so long ago they seemed likely to end on a whimper. Everton are the side with which the other three will be hoping for a pairing as the numbers come out of the bag for the semi-final round. They lag in the league, yet eight matches without defeat indicate how far they have succeeded in injecting matches. eight matches without defeat indicate how far they have succeeded in injecting greater order into their play. Lawson is looking safer beneath his bar than he has ever done, despite fumbling one early shot from George which bobbed dangerously close to a post; McNaught, as Hales discovered, is giving little away at the centre of the defence, and Latchford has recovered something of the hearty appetite around goal which cost Everton so much when they bought him from Birmingham.

They have become a more determined, disciplined side, if not a notably attractive or wily one. The introduction of Pearson, preferred to McKenzie, seems to have given them a smoother understanding when they move forward. He enlivened a faltering attack when he came on 20 minutes from the end of normal time in Wednesday's League Cup replay and on

English schoolboys score a goal in each half

England beat Scotland in the schoolboy international at Wembley on Saturday. England scored in each half, but Scotland could consider the 2—0 margin a little

The second English goal came with only four minutes left. A neat free kick by Mills from fully 40 yards eluded the Scot-tish defence DESI GETERICE
ENGLAND: Forsier: Mills, Bennett,
Pittaway, Liw, Brandon, Ross, Thomas,
Melfs, Wroy, Chamberlain,
SCOTLAND: Walker: Turmbull, Kettings, McStay, Stene, Dorman, May,
NcGee, Lorimer, Bell, Walsh,
Referee: B. Hill (Northalts),

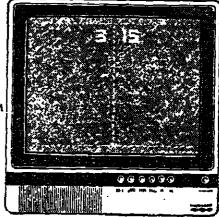
Today's fixtures THURD DIVISION: Port Vale v Lincoln City (7.50): Tranmere Revers v Mansfield Town (7.50): Hudderafield FOURTH DIVISION: Hudderafield Town v Cotchester United (7.50).

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to have their path cleared so covans, were more than adequate bad burridge nor been so really accessfully hid his lack of match

area. They formed a cracked wall, and, too late, realzed that they were badly positioned. Houston saw his chance and sent in the

It was in the period after Hous-ton's 25th minute goal and before half-time that United came to

as the pair absorbed everything Wolves threw at them. Yet these

counter assaults were frenzied and shortsighted, too often lefted high

in the air as they were for the simple enjoyment of the towering

Cowans over the bar as he seemed about to begin a backwards somersault. Burridge dived more clegantly to deflect a vicious shot from Buchan around the post. Buchan was yet again superb in both his own play and the organization of the team.

Villa began to feel the pains of exhaustion. Little used up the remains of his energy in a deeper midfield position and it seemed that however much it might tax that however much it might tax their strength Villa had a replay in mind. This was probably their decisive error. United were still too lively to be contained and Pearson was still strong. By work-ing his way into a sensitive part

of the penalty area he was a con-stant threat and it was his tena-cious holding of the ball in a particularly tight situation and clever short pass back from the line that forced Robson to attempt an interception. Robson's foot de-flected the ball only to Macari, who collected not one of his most spectacular goals but one of the most important of United's sea-son.

MANCHESTER UNITED: A. Stenney.
J. Nicholl. S. Housion. S. Micliroy.
B. Greenhaff (sub D. McCreory.
Buchan, S. Coppell. J. Greenhaff, S. Pearson. L. Macari, G. Killi.
ASTON VILLA: J. Rurridge: J. (idman, J. Robson. L. Phillips. C. Young.
D. Mortimer, J. Deehan. B. Linte, M.
Graydon C. Cowans F. Carrodas.
Reisree: C. B. While 'Harrowy.

Wolves succumb to mature | Everton conjure a fanfare from season of whimpers Saturday he looked the most

It was a textbook example of economy. The Gray brothers set up the move from midfield; "E", the elder, found Hampton winnent that nook all the steam out of eager Wolverhampton Wanderers who are now left to concentrate all their energies on a return to the first division. "This is the first time in 20 vers of one sort or another in the game, that I shall find myself involved in a semi-final", said limmy Armfield, the Leeds manager, as he drew thoughtfully on his beloved nine I have news for Wolves threw at them. Yet these If McQueen ruled the rear the real mastermind, bowever, finally proved to be Currie. He was the proved to be Currie. He was the one who spiced the atternoon with some Oriental magic. Living with permanent groin trouble, he simply strolled through the battle slowing the rempo, winning time and space for himself and potting his foot on the ball to tentalize young opponents who rushed in where angels would have feared to treat

and Gemmill looked on from the stands, sustained their efforts if mot their threat. There were moments of menace from James and Hector and a splendid show of resilience and mobility at the back-from Todd, ready and able to take on all-comers. It was not enough, though James was just off the mark with one shot taken on the turn in the first half and would probably have equalized 15 minutes

capable forward around.

Derby, still looking a useful side on paper, even though players of the calibre of McFarland, Nish and Gemmill looked on from the

ders. Derby were degree of the proof of the

with one shot taken on the turn in the first half and would probably have equalized 15 minutes from the end, when Everton were still only one goal up, had not kenyon blatanely tripped him as he sped clean away. Both Everton's goals came in the second half, though they claimed passionately, but in vain, for a penalty on the stroke of half time as Daniel somehow smothered Larchford's shot. Television's version of the incident later suggested that the referee's judgment was the right one. Derby were breached first as king's centre from the right looped beyond the far post where Lyons headed it down for Larchford to scoop the ball in on the half-volley. With 12 minutes left Pearson stretched himself horizontally to get his head to Daracott's free kick, which kept low and dropped behind the line of Derby defenders. Derby were beyond recovery now. EVER: ON: D. Lawson: T. Darracott.

flustered. The ambition took noone's breath away but it was undeniably effective. Three times it almost brought a goal. First Clemence snatched Wood's header right on the goal line. Then the goalkeeper made brave amends for au incautious back pass by Smith. Finally, Brine blasted hastily at a ball that could have been controlled.

Yet for the opening 20 minutes in Saturday the Yorkshire club ted to ride a stotm as tite eager oung Wolves, driven on by the oar of a 50,000 full house, bufited them left, right and centre. With Madeley, Reaney and Cherry at collective sixes and sevens while Carr. Hibbitt and Daley commanded midfield for the Midlands it was only the masterly domination of McQueen at the heart of the Leeds defence, aided by some brave goalkeeping on the part of Stewart—understudy for the intered Harvey—that kept the wolf from the door. where angels would have feared to tread. Hard as Daley, Hibbitt and the fading little Carr fought on a spongy surface there was no end product for Wolves. WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS: C. Pierce: G. Palmer, D. Parkin: S. Daley, F. Munro, J. McAlle: K. Hibbitt, J. Krishards. A. Sinderland (sub R. Leeds United): D. Sicwart: P. Recover, P. Hampton: T. Cherry, G. McOlbeco, P. Madeley: F. Gray, A. Clarke, J. Jordan, A. Currie, E. Gray. Referec: 4. W. Grey (Great Yarmouth).

Victory gives Tottenham little respite

Tottenham Hotspur's welcome 1—I win at Birmingham on Satur-tor has helped to relieve the ressure at White Hart Lane, though the fact that two other relegation teams both won empha-ises the task facing Tottenham in the next few weeks. There was no doubt that Totten-half deserted the time points. The am deserved the two points. The litmingham pitch, heavy and linging except for the four green orners, was the big problem, using a host of mistakes and hrowing an extra burden on the players. Birmingham raised the purper of their representations of their representations.

A Cup sixth round

irst division

Connolly managed to scoop the ball into the net. Within a minute Tottenham drew level, when Hoddle drove splendidly through There followed a long period of no action, with the ball seemingly anchored for the most part in moneto.

Tottenham finally settled the matter half an hour from the end when Jones neatly slipped a pass from Taylor inside the post. It was clear long before the end that Tottenham had coped

Second division

with the conditions far better than their opponents. Jones, Hoddle and Armstrong all played well, with Hoddle probably the most effective player on the field. Tottenham did a good job in cutting off the supply route to Francis, who consequently did little. It was this, more than anything else which made Birmingham look so indifferent. pushed the ball through the middle and Daines, rushing our, became entangled with Osgood and Connolly. All three fell, but

BIRMINGHAM CITY: J. Montgomery. Ralbbone. G. Pendrey. H. Kendsil. Gallagher. K. Rums. J. Calderwood. Francis. J. Connolly. T. Hibbitt. Jones. O. Jones,
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: B. Dades;
T. Naylor, J. Hoimes, J. Prott, K. Ostood, S. Perrygan, C. Jones, G. Hoddle, G. Armstrong, R. Coates, P. Taylor.

harsh.

From the start England attacked strongly and Walker. Scotland's goalkeeper, was often in action making several clever saves. But he had no chance when England scored in the sixteenth minute. After a free kick on the right, a hasty Scottish clearance hit Skene and fell into the path of Rees, who hit a spectacular shot, Third division

Fourth division

Scottish first division Scottish second division

Cross-country

Belgian tide abates but England are unable to surface in time

From Cliff Temple

Athletics Correspondent Düsseldorf, March 20

England lost their senior men's team title to Belgium by the team the to beginn by his tantalizing margin of three points, 126 to 129, at the international team cross-country championships here this afternoon. Beruard Ford was the first Englishman home, in here this afternoon. Bervard Ford was the first Englishman home, in fifth place, and was backed up by Tony Simmons (eighth) and David Black (ninth) but the red and yellow Belgian yests had always seemed far more numerous at the front of the field early on than the white of England.

Indeed, the surprise was that after the race the battle, which counts the first six finishers from each nation, was so close and that the early Belgian tide had abated. The English team, so often channoins in the past, had regained the ritle last year after losing it to Belgiam in 1974 and to New Zealand in 1975, but this year they had to give best.

The individual seven and a half-mile channoin, Carlos Lopes, of Portugal, in the last quarter mile. The pair raced side by side around the fifth and final lap of a flat, twisting one and a half-mile circuit at the Grafenberg race.

It was only when approaching

the main grandstand that the tall Schots put in a burst which took him clear of the compact, barrelhim clear of the compact, barrelchested Lopes, who was himself
a similarly little-known last year.
The Belgians, who had Schots.
Karel Lismont and Emiel
Puttemans, up in the first six
early on in the race, suffered a
blow when Puttemans, one of the
individual favourites with a
banner-waving supporters club in
attendance among the 10,000
crowd, was spiked in the foot and
dropped out.
The English runners were caught
badly in the hectic start and Ford,

mile race was won by Leon Schots, a 24-year-old Belgian soldier from Limburg, who had too much finishing speed for the defending champion, Carlos Lopes, of Portugal, in the last quarter mile. The pair raced side by side around the fifth and final lap of a flat, twisting one and a half-mile circuit at the Graienberg race. It was only when approaching the moved through the field like a terrific one played me up."

train, picking up 20 places on the last lap alone, to finish forty-fifth. The women's race was won by the reigning champion, Carmen Valero, of Spain, who defeated the former Olympic 1500 metres cham-pion, Ludmilla Bragina, of the Soviet Union. plon, Ludmilla Bragina, of the Soviet Union.

Men: 1. L. Schots (Belgium), 37mth 43sec; 2. C. Lopes (Perrugal), 37mth 43sec; 3. C. Lopes (Perrugal), 37mth 43sec; 2. C. Lopes (Perrugal), 37mth 43sec; 3. C. Lopes (Perrugal), 37mth 43sec; 3. C. Lopes (Perrugal), 4. F. Fava (Bally, 57.52; 5. B. Ford (England), 37.57; 7. K. Lismont (Belgium), 52.51; 8. A. Simmons (England), 57.57; 7. K. Lismont (England), 57.57; 7. K. Lismont (England), 58:13; 8. A. Simmons (England), 58:13; 10. E. Sentin, 58:11; 10. Team; 1. T

Rowing

No curtain calls for this stormy drama

knots would be lost by deserting the centre of the tide and seeking quieter waters. Moynihan did

just that, clinging to the long Surrey bend after Hammersmith Bridge and then moving to Middle sex approaching Barnes and just skimming the inside arch of the

By Jim Railton Oxford cleared Cambridge so the opening seconds of fast in the opening seconds of Saturday's Boat Race that the first thought was to dial the emergency service and give warning of an impending massacre. Oxford went on to win the 123rd Boat Race by seven lengths, their biggest margin since they beat a waterlogged Cambridge crew in 1898. But Cambridge to their credit lung on affectionately in this total hate relationship to make it a long and drawn-out farewell. Blood, tears and stormy seas were all part of and stormy seas were all part of Saturday's drama for which, few, if any, curtain calls were made. if any, curtain calls were made,
Despite the supposed initial
advantage of Middlesex off the
the start, Surrey was the station
most desired on Saturday with a
south-westerly around. When
Oxford won the toss, and rook
Surrey, the Cambridge president,
David Searle, looked as happy as
a non-smoking mother receiving a
pipe on Mother's Day, With a lead
of two lengths by the Mile Post,
only a drama of the high seas
lurking beyond Hammersmith
Bridge could stop Oxford.
But the Oxford intelligence

But the Oxford intelligence service, which has come back to life in recent years, had anticipated problems. During a reconstruction before the connaisance before the race, it was noted that the tide was less than moderate and weakened by the

ing to regain something while Oxford played a cautious hand. Between Hammersmith Bridge and Chiswick Steps—just under a mile—Oxford made their greatest gain in the race of two and one-third lengths. lengths.

It was a perverse wind, too, which moved round to meet the tide and produce the worst conditions I have seen in a Boat Race between Hammersmith and Barnes.

Moynihan watched its progress with auxious glances at the weather vane on the church steeple near Chiswick steps. "A sinking was possible", he told me after the race. "We shipped, I

Upper Thames's reaches off load-ing what the "Minister of Drought" had been praying for throughout last summer. If by chance Moynihan, the Oxford cox, was to meet rough water, he was counselled that few tracts would he lost by decepting new craft weathered file storm admirably and with Cambridge clinging like a leech, Oxford were only able to add two-thirds of a length in the last three minutes. of the race to win by seven lengths. RESULT: Oxford beat Cambridge by seven lengths. Oxford 19min Oxford Cambridge 19min 50-set, intermediate times; Mile Post; Oxford 5.53; Cambridge 3.58. Rammersmith Bridge: Oxford 7.7; Cambridge 7.16. Chiswist Sieps; Oxford 1.38; Cambridge 11.54. Barnes Bridge: Oxford 10.6; Cambridge 15.69

and I was more than apprehen-sive." But both crews and their

His counterpart, Mauser, three lengths behind at Hammersmith Bridge, stayed on a more central course through the rough water. and Signey Sussex: Cox.

HENLEY: Lightweight (2.000 metres): Oxford best Cambridge, 1 tength, 6min 19-cc. Women (1.000 metres): Cambridge best Oxford, (2.000 metres): Cambridge best Oxford, (3.000 metres): Cambridge best Oxford, 4 lengths, 3min 75-sec.

Motor racing

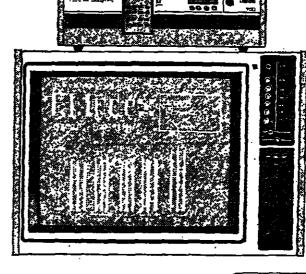
Hunt wins for second year running

By John Blunsden James Bunt, the pron, won the Race of Champions for the second year in succession at Brands Hatch yesterday. He completed the 40 lap race, sponsored by Mariborough and the Daily Mail, in his McLaren-Ford M23 23.5 seconds ahead of Jody Charleage Wolf-Rord. M23 23.5 seconds ahead of Jody
Scheckter's Wolf-Ford.
However, for all but the last
seven laps, the tace was dominated
by Mario Andretti and his JPS
Lotus-Ford. He outsprinted the
Brabbam-Alfa Romeo of the fastest
qualifier, John Watson, led into

the first corner and remained in tor's Association trophy for the world chamof Champions became sick at the start of the Henton, from Derby, whose Marchbecame sick at the start of the 34th lap.
Hunt, who also set a new Brands Hanch lap record of 1min 19.48sec, said afterwards that his and Andretti's cars were so evenly matched that he would have found it difficult to pass him if both cars had lasted the distance. He thought that the result would probably bave been decided by a side-by-side sprint to the finishing line. line.
The new Formula One Construc-

Ford is backed by a script writer, Don Shaw.

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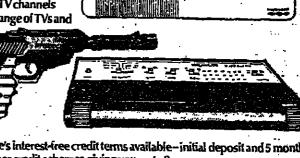
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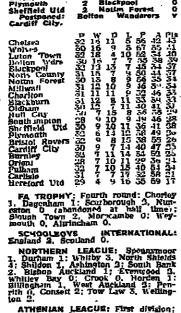


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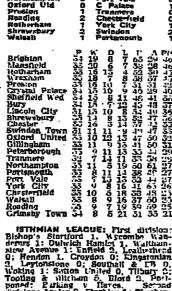
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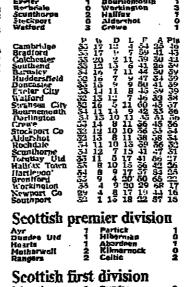






ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Old Aldenhamlans 4. Lancing OB 1: Old Brentwoods 6. Old Carthuslans 5: Old Cholmeleians 0, Old Wellingboxisms 2: Old Malvernians 4. Old Chigwellians 5: Old Foresters 2. Old Haffortans 1. Postgoned: Old Rentonians v Old







Cricket Shillingford and Murray in record sixth wicket stand

Correctown, March 20.—The overlight between Irvine Shilling-ford and Murray pounded another 99 runs before lunch as West Indies stretched their first innings lead over Pukistan to 183 without further loss on the third day of the third Test, match have today.

Ar lanch West Indies had scored 377 for five with Shillingford not out 94, heading for a century in only his second Test, and Murray not out 41. Pakistan scored 194 in their first innings.

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The morning's play was a complete contrast to yesterday's dour struggle for 210 rens as Shillingford and Murray, under instructions to get quick runs, went for their shots.

Shillingford, not out 31 overnight, slammed seven fours and a huge six right out of the ground as the two men put up the 100 partnership in 118 minutes to set a new record for the sixth wicket by West Indies against Pakistan. They had put on 122 runs, 22 better than Solomon and Kanhai did at Lahore in 1959.

Shillingford was very much the dominant partner before lunch, slamming almost two runs to Murray's one. He brought up his 50 in 165 minutes, scoring the last 19 in 25 minutes this morning. Altogether, he has hit 11 fours and one six in his 94.

Pakistan's capitain Mushtaq Mohammad, tried five bowlers this morning in an actumpt to hold West ludies down but between them they produced only one chance when Murray swung a ball high to midwicket where it

Rugby League

St Helens go back to the top after a struggle

St Helens 13 Workington T 7
St Helens returned to the top of first division, but made heavy weather of beating Workington despite a big advantage in the scrummage. They went ahead in the third minute when Mathias went over in the corner and three minutes later Timblett added a penalty.

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Workington hit back with a Wright try and a McCorquodale penalty and early in the second half they went ahead with another penalty. But Saints had just enough extra to pull the game round. A try from Hull, which

bottles and even a chair on to the ground, stopping play for 20

minutes.

Kallicharran, like Richards
before him in the morning, was
given out leg-before to imran
Khan by umpire Cleophus Paymer.

PAKISTAN: First innings, 194
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After that, however, the first half belonged to Northern, who defied atrocious conditions to play some sparkling rugby. They were well in command with an 18-5 lead at the interval, but Featherstone, on top in the scrummages, restricted them to one more try in the second period and put on Pimblett converted, and another a lot of pressure themselves with-by Jones ended Workington's out being able to find a way hopes.



After an Indian summer : Derek Randall is met by his wife, Elizabeth, at Heathrow yesterday.

Randall's appeal to Lillee

Ken Barrington, the manager of MCC who arrived back in so I knew this could be my last chance. It was a great thrill to make such a big score. I really win this summer's Test series although we had a few clashes. win this summer's Test series against Australia. "The absence of Dennis Lillee from the Australian side could make a great difference. He is the sort of player who can win a Test match

"When Liflee made that appeal for a leg-before with the ball hitting me on the ankle outside the off stump, he looked me straight between the eyes. I said to him that if he could not bounce the ball bleber than the its way in an hour", he said.

Derek Randall spoke of his duel his fault. He hit me one glancing with Lillee during his innings. He said: "I had not done very well in India and I was out cheaply killed me", he added.

Boxing

Foreman to rest for month before training again

He said that he will take at least a month off to rest before resum-ing training. He was accompanied by his neurosurgeon, Dr Jorge Davila, who said he ran brainwave checks on Foreman to make sure the concussion was not

San Juan, March 20.—Grinning and waving to a small crowd, George Foreman stroiled out of a local hospital here yesterday after recovering from heat prostration and a mild concussion received during his defeat by Jimmy young on Trursday. Foreman, a former heavyweight chempion, took time to autograph a picture for one of his supporters and chatted with several of them before leaving for his Texas ranch. He said that he will take at least April 17. It was also amounted yester-day that Rafael Ortega, the World Boxing Association featherweight champion from Panema, will stake his title against Flipper Uehara, of Japan, in Naha, Okinawa, on April 17

Masaici Kanehira, Uehara's manager, said that the 15-round match will be held at Ohbuyama Gymnashum. It will be Ortega's first defence since he became the champion by beating Francisco Doronado, of Nicaragua, on points in a match for the vacant title in lanuary.—Avencies Jesse Burnett, the world's No 4 in a match for the light-heavyweight from the United January.—Agencies.

Table tennis

Welshman gives Hongkong player a lesson

Graham Davies, a 28-year-old Welsh international, made a bril-liant start in the Commonwealth men's singles table tennis cham-pionship in Guernsey yesterday. Davies, a Bridgend schoolteacher, Davies, a Bridgend schoolteacher, beat Lu Veng Vong, a member of liongkong's gold medal winning wam and his congrey's number one, 21—15, 21—17, 14—21, 21—20. Then, in the second round, by defeated Peter McQueen, of Middlesex, 21—11, 21—10, 14—21, 21—10.

It was the Weishman's keen tactical sense which gave him victory over Lu in a thrilling 40-minute match. Slowing the pace at every opportunity, Davies disturbed the Hongkong player's thythm and struck at his back hand with top spin shots whenever he had the chance.

Isca stick men have thin time against Hurst

By Sydney Paiskin Isca Dumnoviorum was the Roman name for Exeter. The Rotuan name for Exeter. The hockey players of this club thought that this was too long a name to carry on the back of a track shirt, so they shortined it to Isca. Un-fortunately for the vistors the Roman holiday proved too expen-Roman holiday proved no expen-sive at Clarence Pack yesterday. Having squandered numerous chances they lost 4—2 on penakty strokes to St. Abeans, who reached the semi-final round of the national club championship, spon-sored by Benson and Hedges. Both sides scored in the first period of extra dime, St. Albans -through Stephenson, a second-haif minute match. Slowing the pace of every opportunity, Davies disturbed the Hongkong player's rivythm and struck at his back leand with top spin shots whenever he had the chance.

Lu made a brave attempt to save the match from 17—20 down in the fourth set, eventually drawing level at 20—20, but Davies responded to the challenge and completed his victory with a smashing forehand which Lu could only return wide.

Davies almost missed the championship because of his difficulties arranging time off from school. Even now, he cannot get permission to leave with the rest of his Welsh colleagues when they go to the world championships at Birmingham next Friday morning. Instead he must travel in the evening.

Jim Walker, England's number five, from Cleveland, put up a fine performance as the seventh scale before eventually losing an excling match wich Scheng Shien Chen.

ings and Whitby accelerating on Isca 1 the right. Morgan, the best of St Albans' stick players, could not the right.

St Albans' stick players, council of find his rhythm.

With Mobbs taking control of the right flank, St Albans appeared to have acquired the right balance after the interval. When Mobbs sent across one of his piercing centres, no one followed up and Underhill cleared from the line. Galley's quick runting enabled near the line. Galley's quick run-ning out from the line enabled him to smother one of Underbill's him to smother one of Underhill's shots from a short corner and as the thunder rumbled in the distance a storm gathered round. St Albans's goal. Hurst, however, came to their rescue with two brilliant saves, one from a short corner, the other from a shot by Gardinder in open play.

The best chance for St Albans came rather late in this period. It was created by Mobbs whose centre was picked up at the top t was created by Mobbs whose centre was picked up at the top of the circle by Ashby. His shot carried enough guile to put the Isca goalkceper in a targie but he managed to stop the ball dead with his hand and sweep it away with his stick. So the match moved on to provide the dramatic change of fortune in extra time and the ultimate penalty stroke barrage. Hurst saved twice to put St Albans in an unassailable position.

The draw for the semi-final round is: Nottingham v Slough; St Albans v Beckenham.

ST Albans: I. A. Hurst: P. Sissons. P. Beard. D. Bateman. J. Thiett. I. Galley, R. Holbrook, R. Morpan, M. Grainger (sub. A. Stephenson: R. Ashw. captain of Mobbs. Resp. M. Hartis. A. Coulding. T. Underfill. D. Hartis. A. Coulding. T. Modernill. D. Hartis. A. Coulding. T. Modernill. D. Mullias.

Umpires: M. L. Pecker (Southern Counties: anud M. F. Martin (Comblored Services).

England one win away from the triple crown

By Joyce Whitehead England beat Wales 1-0 at Headingley on Saturday. Margaret Souyave scored from an acute angle after a good pass by Valerie Robinson early in the match. From then on, it was a hard struggle, although England had most of the play in the first half. Indeed carelessness cost them another seal Jane Sprimer. them another goal. Jane Swinner-ton received the bull in the circle and beat the Welsh goalkeeper. Iris Davies; only to shoot wide from a yard.

After the interval, Wales had After the intervel, Wales had much more of the game but they attacked on a rarrow front and the English goalkeeper, Pauline Gibbon, was troubled only once when she saved from a slight but strong Marilyn Morgan. Later, carelessness by Miss Morgan cost Wales the equaliser. Alone, on the right of the circle, she received the ball but shot wide.

The telling moves of England's the ball but shot wide.

The telling moves of England's right wing trio—Hurley. Sonyawe and Robinson—which gave them opportunities in the first half, later petered our and Denise Haselden on the left wing had a frustrating afternoon. She never seemed to be in the right place.

Seemed to be in the right place.

ENGLAND: P. Gibbon (Berkshret).

S. Nicholl (Berdordshiret). A. Lunt
(Lancashire). L. Hurlor (Lelcestershiret). R. Grainge (Durham). J.
Tipplin (Devon. cardan). M. Souvave
(Lancashire). V. Robinson (Hertfordshiret (Hertfords

Cambridge find it easy to make Oxford miss boat

By John Woodcock Cambridge won the University golf match at Royal Porthcawl on gon matter at Royal Fortiagn of a margin as Oxford won the Boat Race. Ine score of 12 matches to one with two halved was the easiest victory either side has gained, at any rate either side has gained, at any rate under the present scoring system. In 1963 a Cambridge side containing none of the big names of post-war University golf won by 12½ matches to 2½. In 1921 Oxford, with Cyril Tolley and Roger Wethered to inspire them, won 12—3, as they did again in 1930, when the Cambridge order con-12—3, as they did again in 1930, when the Cambridge order contained Eric Martin-Smith, who was to become amateur champion the following year. In 1936 Cambridge, with P. B. Lucas playing top, also won 12—3. The gallery on Saturday, if such it can be called, contained J. P. Marston and A. A. Duncan, who played in one or other of these matches.

Oxford's only winner this time, in either singles or foursomes, was

Oxford's only winner this time, in either singles or foursomes, was Richard Hurst, who beat Stephen Sharpe. Hurst's father, Oxford's captain in 1948, won all his own three singles against Cambridge, though it was only when he was encouraged to take a break from pulling the filial trolley at the 14th on Saturday afternoon that the match swung his son's way. Three down there, Richard was two up by the 32nd. He is strong without being tall, and plays a good game. without being tall, and plays a good game.

Although Cambridge left no one in any doubt about their being the better side, they were not as good, I think, and Oxford not quite as bad, as the overall score suggests. Oxford's official the singles came from their captain. Noble, looking like come of Loctilel, after he had been the down during the morning against his opposite number. This was a close march rather than a distin-

guished one, with Barcley com-pleting an unbeaten record in his three years in the University match. match.

At luncheon, with Cambridge leading in nine of the 10 singles and level in the other, Oxford's chances of getting anywhere near them had gone. Even Warman, who was square after 18 holes, ran away from Brandow in the afternoon. In the third match Armitage was the more powerful, Pentecost vitaliy the steadier; in the fourth there was a great struggle between Choyce, a natural games player with a squash Bine to his name, and Grant, a good golfer who looked as though he with the less at home on the squash court. Grant came from behind to win it.

Bonsall, swinging the club well against Mouroe, forced steadily ahead; Goodrich having been pulled back by Ramage from four up to one up with five to play, drew away again; Seddon lost the first cight holes against Sandison, but he hed got five of them back by the 24th, and so avoided some awful personal disaster.

RESULTS: (Cambridge names first): W. H. Barchay (Bredford CS and S: M. Brandow 'Yale and Pombren's Daton GS and Guerries Daton GS and GUER

Stenmark retains Cup in front of his countrymen

AAre, Sweden, March 20.—
Ingemar Stenmark, the Swedish skier, made sure of retaining the World Cup when he won the slalom on his home territory here today. His nearest r.vci. Klaus Heidegger, of Austria, who was joint fifth with Piero Gros, of Italy, today, is now 62 points behind Stenmark's 289 total and cannot overhaul the Swede in the remaining competitions this year.

This was Stenmark's nineteenth World Cup victory, one more toan the great French skier, Jean Claude Killy, though Stenmark needed more races to pass the Prenchman's record.

Stenmark swung too far out over the first 65-gate course, but in a fiercly concentrated second run through a 69-gate course he clinched a superb victory. The second and more difficult run brought out the best in Stenmark.

Artherwards Stenmark was critical of the first course, which was set by a Swedish trainer, Ermano Nogle. "It was not up to World Cup stendard, not de-

Latest European snow reports

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Flat relief after bumpy NH season

Racing Correspondent A new season of flat racing begins in England on Thursday, and after the rigours and disap-pointments of the winter I am sure and after the rigours and disappointments of the winter I am sure that it will not come a moment too soon, even for the most dishard enthusiast of jumping. The weather and the fates have combined cruelly during the past few months and already it is clear that the weather will have to improve soon if the new season is not going to get bogged down too. Flat courses which were watered so frequently last summer will not be able to take a great amount of rain; added to which many training grounds have been exceptionally wet recently and it is worth remembering that entire horses usually need more work at this stage of the year than geldings.

A new flat season is always homeled by the arrival of two book that the addict finds fascinating. One is Horses in Training, the other Racehorses of 1976. Published by the Sporting Chronicle at a cost of £2, Horses in Training, 1977, tells you exactly what a trainer has in his yard for the coming season, quite apart from a mass of data and other information.

This year five English trainers have more than a hundred horses in their stables. They are Henry Cecil and Ryan Price, each with 113; Peter Walwyn with 109, and Clive Brittain and Barry Hills with 108 and 103 respectively. Both Cecil and Brittain have many more

than last year. Cecil's big increase, 34 to be precise, can be attributed to the fact that he has taken charge of the horses that used to be trained at Warren Piace by his father-in-law. Noel Murless.

So his present string is really a fusion of two of the biggest and most successful at Newmarket last year, which is a dannting prospect. Other trainers with noticeably more horses this year than last are Jeremy Hindley, who now has 94 as opposed to 70 in 1976: Neil Adam, whose string has more than doubled in size to 61 since last year; Luca Cusman, Michael Stoute and Vincent OBrien.

There are four notable new alignments this year in terms of trainers and jockeys working with one another. William Carson will be riding for Dick Hern. Joe Mercer, the man Carson has replaced at West Ilsley, is now tied to Cecil and Hindley, which means that he should certainly not lose out in terms of winners even though he did lose his favourite old job.

With Carson on the move the position of first jockey to Clive Brittain became vacant. That has been filled by Richard Fox. And Ernie Johnson is back with Barry Hills once again. To the surprise of no one both Patrick Eddery, the reigning champion and Brian Taylox have stayed put, secure and happy in the knowledge that their jobs with Peter Walwyn and Ryan Price are the envy of all their colleagues in the weighing room, with the possible exceptions of Lester Piggott and Edward Hide

Although Piggott is officially described as being freelance he is Moked with Vincent O'Brien and I will be more than middy surprised if we do not hear a great deal about this famous parmership in the weeks and mouths ahead. O'Brien appears to hold a particularly strong hand this year. hold a particularly strong hand this year.

A gentle perusal of the pages of Horses in Training will show that mine classic winners are still in training. In alphabetical order they are Crow (St Leger); Exteller (Prix Royal Oak); Flying Water (1,000 Guineas); Lagunette (Irish Oaks); Laomadonne (Italian St Leger); Meneval (Irish St Leger); Meneval (Irish St Leger); Orange Bay (Italian Derby); Pawneese (Oaks and Prix de Dianel; and Sarah Stddons (Irish 1,000 Guineas). Together with seven more older horses who were placed in classics and a fistful of other good colts, such as Malinowski, they should help to enliven the season and certainly provide a vest for the many enliven the season and certainly provide a test for the up and

provide a test for the up and coming generation.

Racchorses of 1976 is a first-class publication without which we would be much the poorer. This year Timeform leave you in no doubt about their choices for the early classics. They say that The Minstrel is the one they all have to beat in the 2,000 Guineas and that Cloonlara looks outstanding among the fillies.

We will be able to judge for ourselves if their trainer, Vincent O'Brien, sticks to the plan that he

I spent a day with him at Bally. doyle and sends the two in question over to Ascot on April 2 to contest the two Classic Trials there. Unless François Mathet and the Aga Khan do decide after all to run Blushing Groom in the 2,000 Guineas the O'Brien puir certainly look as though they have the right credentials at this juncture.

the right credentials at this junc-ture.

The Guineas come even earlier this year than they do normally, which places the emphasis on pre-cosity and maturity. Otherwise this looks like being a season that is best approached with the mini-mum of preconceived ideas. The ground was very firm for much of last year and it is quite pos-sible that there is a rising star-lurking somewhere in the wings about whom we know compari-tively little.

Home Guard, Kalamous, Mor-ston, Ridnegold, Roberto, Sandtively little.

Home Guard, Kalamoua, Morston, Rhinegold, Roberto, Sandford Lad, Secretariar, Sun Prince and Thatch are just some of the young stallions who will have runners for the first time this year in Europe and this will also be the first flat racing season to take place when it is known that use of steroids can be detected. On its own that breakthrough can make an important contribution and help to ensure that the summer will be more memorable than the winter that preceded it. STATE OF GOING (official): Wolve-hampton: Good to soft. Folkestone: Steeplechase course; good to soft. Hurdes, soft. Tomorrow: Piempies: Soft. Nothingham: Hurdes, Soft. Sock. Steeplechase Course, good to Soft.

Folkestone programme 1.45 DEAL HURDLE (Div 1: Novices: £499: 2m 200yd)



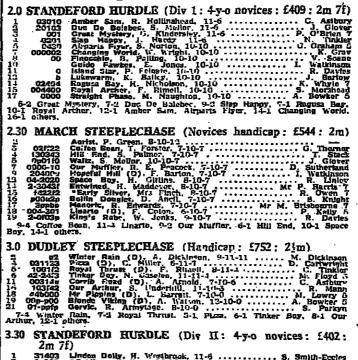


Folkestone selections By Our Racing Correspondent

1.45 Richard Grenville. 2.15 Royal Rudolph. 2.45 Even Dawn. 3.15 Hay Bridge. 3.45 Gold Escort. 4.15 Dancing-in-Irish. By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.45 Hot Hand. 2.15 Supen Saxon. 2.45 Even Dawn. 4.15 Hamish.

Wolverhampton programme



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Mr O. Vaughn-Jones

Wolverhampton selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 2.0 Duc de Bolebec. 2.30 Coffee Beau. 3.0 Winter Rain. 3.30 Linden Dolly. 4.0 Top Tune. 4.30 High Prospect. By Our Newmarket Correspondent

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2.45: 1. Zip Fastaner (10-11): 2.
The Norman (20-1): 3. Corriginal (4-1). a fan. Cloud Park did not run.

3.15: 1. Spariot (5-1): 2. Sybit (5-1): 3. Yellow Stone (4-1). Burrator 5-1 fav. 9 run. Pactry did not run. 3.45: 1. Staifold Pride (11:2): 2. Security Council (7-1): 3, Mr Marisbridge (3-1 fav). 11 rap.
4.15: 1. Lismount VI (8-1): 2. New Heary (5-2): 3. Third Redemer (2-1 fav). 7 rap. Grinling Gibbons did net run.

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Newcastle 1.45: 1. The Boy :5-1: 2. Kelloe Brig :11-8 lav: 5. Estate Agent (20-1: 10 ran. Falloden Folly did not rum.

Athletics

Lingfield Park 1.30: 1, I'm Smart (6-5 fav): 3. Southern Led (11-1); 3. Great (100-50), 4 ran. 3.0: 1. Mavamus (6-5 fav): 2. Princely Mark (13-2); 5. Jacksdand (7-2): 5 fan.

Tennis

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Tennis

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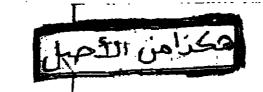
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Cleveland County Police Authority

Appointment of **Assistant Chief Constable**

Due to the retirement -of one of the Assistant Chief Constables applications are invited from serving police officers for this post with Cleveland Constabulary.

The appointment is subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, the Police Acts and Regulations and, the conditions of service determined from time to time by the Police Authority.

The salary scale is £8,142 x £126 (2)-£8,394 per annum plus a supplement of £312 per annum subject to the total not exceeding £8,500 per annum in accordance with the provisions of the White Paper-Attack on inflation.

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THE ARTS

In fact, however, C. P. E. Bach's Auferstehung und Himmelfahrt Jesu (1777-78), given on Saturday during the opening weekend of the Camden Festival, largely overcomes this particular limitation because of the ingenious mixture of the narrative (with disquisitions on biblical events) and contemplative inherent in C. W. Rammler's text. True, the second half is weakened by what is in danger of seeming

what is in danger of seeming like a procession of triumphant choruses, but in a sense this is significant more because it represents the involvement of the chorus than because it is a part of the plot. It is, in fact, enlightening to compare the Lutheran north German ora-Lutheran north German oratorio, where the chorus is so
central, with its Italian and
south German counterpart, the
Metastasian, opera-like, moralizing oratorio (such as those of
the young Haydn and Mozart),
which was largely a series of
arias with minimal choral participation: the comparison ticipation: the comparison focuses rather neatly some of the differences between Catholic

and northern attitudes to music

and worship at the time.

The CPE Bach work, predictably, is at its most impressive when dealing with the more sombre emotions, where his yearning appoggiaturas have fullest scope. There is a dark, austere little introduction to each half; a beautiful supplicatory chorus at the beginning; some vivid descriptive recitatives; and several impassioned solo numbers, among them a highly expressive duet, an appealing chromatic soprano aria, and a vigorous and dramatic bass one, typically enclosing a contrasting middle section. There is another lively aria with bassoon obbligato; most of the choruses are plainly written against brilliant rushing strings and resounding trumpets, but the dutiful fugues that end each half are not unmpressive, though here as elsewhere the musical continuity is

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A great Japanese artist

Kitagawa Utamaro Wildenstein Gallery

William Gaunt An outstanding event of the winter season in Paris, the loan exhibition of prints and illustrated books by the great Japanese artist of the Ukiyo-e school, Kitagawa Utamaro, is now to be seen in London at the Wildenstein Gallery. Organized by Huguette Beres, this choice of more than a hundred works from both pub-

lic and private collections, admirably presented, may well give the present-day spectator some renewal of the sensation of excitement and discovery felt by the French artists and connoisseurs of the last ceu-tury when the priots of Uta-maro first swam into their ken. The subjects are unaidy of lovers, pensive, sad or narcissistically reflective, of courtessus in all their elegante of artitude and religenees of continue. Immediately striking are the many "large head" beauties, close-ups that for all their similarity in coffine and facial type show the artist's infinite type show the artist's infinite resource in design. Black for Utamare was never a dull neg-ative of colour; the black of hair and headdress arrests the eye with varied silhouertes, the more brilliant for their contrast with delicacies of single line and restrained colour.

There is a poetic symbolism in the carrouches accompanying the portraits of tea house hostesses, containing some reference to place or mood. Mastery of more intricate design appears in the figure groups and there is a certain humour in the parody of a traitor's history that includes the likeaces of Utamaro himself dis-covered in hiding in a tea-house (part of a series, from the Fitzwilliam Museum).

Sadness of Lovers

nder gill. Transfer

eye was observant of nature in happiest of conjunctions of art many forms and exquisite pro-ducts were his illustrated proportions describes and illus-albums of detailed studies, of trates the prints, an Introduc-insects, of seashells, of birds, tion by Jack Hillier giving "A As well as the fineness of second look at Uramaro" as delineation these rare books one of the few artists who employed to the full the belong both to East and West. resources of the woodcut and the exhibition continues until wood block printing, in the April 6.

Most of the large cast handled their roles with assur-

ance and reasonable compe-

tence. Claire Powell deserves

The six Commodores, rein-

thoughtful and attractive side

At the same time Utamaro's The grandeur that was Lully

in several operas as a symbol for the Sun King, and it seems clear that his main characteristics of valour and generosity were there intended

to be transferred to the monarch. As for the island of

Akyros, it is arguably to be understood as our own.

and magnatinuty would not have escaped the French court

nor, perhaps more to the point, ambassadors of foreign coun-

tries to it, particularly with the reinforcements of sumptions staging, elaborate machinery

and courtly dance.

This message of royal night

Sadler's Wells

Thomas Walker Lully's Alceste, of 1673, had to wait more than three hundred years for its first performance on a London stage. The move of William Chappell's production, given at the London Opera Centre in December, 1975, to Sadler's Wells augus well, one hopes, for more frequent revivals.

The original grandeur of Alceste would be I suspect, extremely difficult to reproduce on the modern stage. A sense of on the modern stage. A sense of French absolution pervades it, and the work is rife with political symbolism. Its prologue praises the military exploits of Louis XIV (or rather those in his pay); allegorical sureads are woven throughout. such extravagance, and indeed; operas are even more reward-Alcestis is abducted from her no attempt, was made at his ing. woven throughout.

The Commodores

choreography, with (in the case do with the power of the dis-of James Brown) the occasional cotheque: these groups all histrionic swoon, they are now make music for dancing, and

will soon tell us why six young melodic variety, leyed in con-college graduates from Alabama cert, therefore, it can be dull find it necessary to dress up in tinselled and befurred space suits, and to employ confetti guns, thunderflashes, and smoke essential sterility of the com-

Dick Cary's twin claims to

fame are that he was a mem-

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The lates: generation of black
Soul bands reveals a wholesale and quite remarkable return to the values of minstrelsy and the medicine show. Once known for their slick suits and precise

Of course, it has something to chose also to display the more for their slick suits and precise

of commodores' concemporaries, cians, ran smoothly through their favourities: "The Bump", like Kool and The Gang and "Machine Gun", and "I Feel Sanctified", all had the audience feverishly learing from the stalls to blow whistles and bellew last year's disco slogans. Happily, though, the group of their slick suits and precise

Of course, it has something to chose also to display the more thoughful and attractive side

bombs, in order to convey their positions.

taking on the rock groups at nowadays disco music ruts the their own theatrical game. emphasis firmly on rhythm, at Doubtless some sociologist the expence of harmonic and unless the performers indulge in the most basic rabble-rousing "husiness" to camouflage the

thoughtful and attractive side of its character, through the expansive, yearning ballads of the lead singer, Lionel Richie. His lean, slightly mocking delivery on "This is Your Life". "Sweet Love", and, especially, the glorious "Just to be Close to You" harked back to an era when Soul was back to an era when Soul was about the straightforward communication of deep emotion.

taging, elaborate machinery however, came across most and courtly dance. clearly in Lully's brilliant The London Opera Centre's music. Those who should know.

budget, of course, permits no tell me that some of his later

ber for some time of the Louis
Armstrong All Stars, and that
besides the trumpet and piano
he plays the alto horn, a rare
instrument in jazz. Until Friday night I wasn't even sure
what it looked like (the Concises
Oxford Dictionary of Music says
unhelpfully about the horn
family, as introduced by Adolph
Sax, "The nomenclature is in
complete confusion"). It turns
out to look like a pre-shrunk
euphonium, necessitating a
microphone directly overhead,
and to sound like a melifluous

flavour of Dick Cary's alto horn,
like a syncopated huntsman lost
in the woods, is one to telish.
The Pizza Express in Dean
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Jazz does not have so many

valve trombone or perhaps the is conceived in exactly the same brass equivalent of a contraint way as his alto horn playing, sticking somewhat moodily to the lower register, but whereas instruments to boast about that his horn sounds refereshing, the it can afford to ignore a same effect on trumpet is exstranger in the repertoire, and ceedingly tedious; a trumpet the haunting, slightly far-off should be played as a trumpet, flavour of Dick Cary's alto horn, not as one of Adolph Sax's offceedingly tedious; a trumpet

TV chamber music at its best

: voice.

The Lively Arts BBC 2

Michael Church I have not yet worked out

why, alone among composers, Beethoven should seem to have created less a sequence of artifacts than a vast and end-lessly mysterious landscape. As a keen lay planist, I have for decades regularly picked my way along its paths; but with technical familiarity the intellectual mystery deepens.

Just as the chamber music is more interesting than the symphonies, so the music Beethoven wrote for the piano is, it seems to me, more densely original even than the string quartets: small is indeed beautiful:

The 150th anniversary of his death (anniversaries are, after ductory char lost night was all, only excuses for doing what both concise and illuminating; we want to do anyway) has his performance constitutes pergiven rise to some magnificent haps the ideal guide through

stupendous series of sonata concerts at the Queen Elizabeth of the art of composition.

Hall is now succeeded by the BBC's own more accessible less perfected the art of teletribute—nightly chamber con-certs this week late on BBC2 and last night in The Lively Arts, the second of two excel-lent workshops on Beethoven's late piano music by Charles

Last night's programme dealt with the Diabelli Variations, that mighty oak of a work which grew out of another man's gimmicky acorn of an idea. In this, Beethoven looks back over the previous hundred years of European music and sends out magisterial hints as to what it all might really mean.

Less demonic than Brendel,
Rosen is none the less just as
compelling an interpreter, and the spointed out

vising chamber music. This pro-gramme showed the process at ats best. No tricksy camera work, just long gazes at the key-board over Rosen's shoulder, or

up from under his elbow, with the occasional slow circle round him. Some piamists are posi-tively distracting to watch: not so Rosen, whose unobtrusive but expressive movements amplify what his hands are say-ing. And—another virtue, of course, of any embodied per-formance—there are times in this work when the movement of the hands themselves accen-

his powers of verbal communication my article on Panorana cation are superior. His intropurely supportive role of prison victors with the more disci-plinary one of Boards of

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from Saturday's later editions.

In touch with a masterpiece

The Memorandum Orange Tree, Richmond

Irving Wardle

In this fable Vaclav Havel shows leader deposed and a puppet ruler re-elected, every stage of the game supervised by a silent apparatchik who lets the natives ruler re-elected, every stage of the game supervised by a silent apparatchik who lets the natives do their own dirty work, and every lifekilling new edict defended as an expression of the will of the masses.

To anyone unfamiliar with the piece, this may sound like a summing-up of Dr Husak's regime, coupled with lines of superb double-think ("it is precisely this surface inhumanity of a language that truly preserves its human function") serves its human function")
worthy of Rude Pravo's torthous
obituary comments on Professor
Patocka. But The Memorandum
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includes a midday programme: "Tony Airken). But the main

but long overtaken by the non-what was going on in his organ-sensical injointies of Czech life, ization and then failing to is one mark of the classics a oppose it. Sharply translated by single perfectly aimed blow Vera Blackwell and backed win that fells half a dozen rotten a Satie score of heartless joiling, trees. Applying equally to the the production brings you unbureaucranic inhumanities of mistakably in touch with a East and West, everything is.

Iniquity .-Brum Studio,

Birmingham Repertory

Ned Chaillet Iniquity, or, to take Tolstoy's original title for the story on original title for the story on which the one-man play is based, The Kreutzer Squata—or better yet to take Tolstoy's second title, which the play should have done, How a Husband Killed his Wife—is almost a feminist manifeste by wedding to Adments by torical accuracy on the visual Licomedes, King of Skyros, side, at least I hope none was then saved from him and later. The singers and denoers were from hell by Alcides moved about with skill and the (Hercules), who loves her but pacing was lively. But I think finally honours her faithfulness far more of the original nobility to Admetus. Hercules figures might have been evoked with in several original as a symbol greater lively him. a feminist manifesto, but more. than that, it is an indictment of masculine scupidity, of the nature of male domination throughout history. Through one man's criminal act, the murder of his wife, Tolstoy might have been evoked with greater simplicity of movement and the avoidance of such gratuithus trivialities as the burlesquing of Admetus's aged sought to show that man's manipulation of woman, turning father Pheres or the use of a four-headed Cerberus. her into madonna or whore to fit his fantasies, was the real

fit his fantasies, was the real crime, murdering the human potential of half the population. In the black space of the Birmingham Rep's workshop theatre, the Brum Studio, the flicker of a flame under a teapot is the odly light at first, but the stillness is burst by light and the spate epithet, "Bitch". The wife-murderer Pozdayshev evangelically recounts his grime. mention for her smooth and dignified Alcestis. Rosemary Ashe for her fresh portrayal vocally and otherwise, of Alcestis's maid Cephise.

The power of Louis's purse, however came across most

from the confines of a chair, ance of endearing Boy Scout with little movement to defuse earnestness from Michael

implicit in the fable of a managing director's struggle with a synthetic new language, Ptydepe, designed to improve office procedure. The story is very much the work of a con-patriot of Kafka, and one can imagine how he might have begun it: "Someone must have matical design. A satire un mechanistic thinking, it is itself a beautiful machine, contain-ing nothing but essential working parts, from the spineless liberal boss (Roger Swaine) and his relentlessly power-seeking assistant (John Challis) down to the mute Mr P (Paddy Ward) who sits filing his nails amid the tumult, and the lowly typist (Cindy O'Callaghan) who manages to back comb her hair with ages to back-comb her hair with one ear to the ground.

in Britain as part of Richmond's
Havel season (which also includes a midday programme) (Tony Aitken). But the main on Czechoslovakia, A Faraway; achievement of the skow is to Country, assembled by Jeramy render Joseph G's nightmare Paul and George Theiner).

The prophetic quality of this terms, and also to switch syntactics, once labelled absurdist pathy against him for ignoring that were country in his occasion.

The tale is of one man's journey through the promiscuity of youth to marriage and five children and the sudden realization that his wife is a separate human being with desirgating, her own. Her, perhaps unconsummated, unfaithfulness, provokes a jealous rages in Pozdnyshev, and his muration her leads him too large tricks. Pozdnyshev, and his murdir of her leads him, too late, to see the prison the masculine world has made for her.

Peter Farago, who adapted and directed the story, might have trimmed the paying length by a few minutes, but the spare strength of his production is gripping. An atmospherically exact and ingenious sound track of trains shortling in and our of stations stills the mood, recapitating the fafeful trip by train to confront the wife and lover, helping to build an almost circular passion as an almost circular passion as the phrases of accusation and understanding that began the piece recur at the end.

Mr Sucher's relentless intensity is in marked contrast to his deft, light playing earlier in the evening as Reg in The flicker of a flame under a teaport is the only light at first, but the stillness is burst by light and the spate epithet. Bitch "The wife-murderer Pozdnyshev evangelically recounts his crime, and his realization of his greater guilt, "I killed my wife before I ever met her."

With intense phrase and passwarded with a sparking sionate veice, Pavid Suchet Characterization from Barbara from the confines of a chair. the power of Tolstoy's prose. Hughes as the hapless Tom.

The show business

Who's Who in the

Theatre

Sixteenth Edition ... Sixteenth Edition —
Edited by Ian Herbert, with
Christine Baxter and Robert E.

Hare's favourite Grumpy, that John Stride pre-fers the "good ones" and David Kossoff the "big ones", that Geoffrey Sumner and David Markham (when the latter is not immersed in Kremlinology) share the same recreation—pig-keeping, that William Gaskill was formerly a male nurse and Robert Lang a meteorologist, that Ron Moody's real name is Moodnick and Charles Kay's is Piff, that Susan Fleetwood was educated

at 16 schools and Felicity Kendal at six Indian convents. If this information seems incidental, even irrelevant, let me emphasize that it is the wrapping which encompasses the raison d'être of the volume: complete biographies of several thousand actors, directors, playwrights (or more pretentiously dramatic author" as some gramatic author" as some describe themselves), designers, critics and impresarios. Where else could one answer

where else could one answer a question that niggled me recently? Who was the RK who signed a warm tribute in The Times to that patrician actor, the late Anthony Nicholls? One clue was given: that they had appeared together in A Family and a Fortune with Alec Guinness. Say no more. Who's Who in the Theatre indexes all London and New York olaybills between 1971 and 1975, and the cast list for A Family and a Fortune revealed RK as Rachel Kempson.

Yet the imperfections become obvious as one scans the
lists of long runs, the opening
detes and first managements of
Broadway and West End
theatres, the obituary, the index
to names which appeared in
previous editions, occurs who
are, in the editors' euphemism,
"no longer active" ("an "no longer active" ("an asterisk follows the names of a number of artists believed to be dead, but for whom no date of death has been traced." Where are you, May Agate, Robert Andrews, Nellie Bowman, Camble Clifford, Forbes Dawson, Wimifred Fraser and the rest?). It slowly sinks in that this is so totally theatrical a Who's Who rhat film and television are, in the main, excluded or at best rate a mere "also

status. This does make for absurdi-

ties. While I can accept that if Julie Andrews or Dirk Bogarde or Bryan Forbes have ceased to be involved in the breatre they should be banished, I do find it absurd that we should be given the complete (Pitman, £15)

Thanks to the new edition of random, ver encapsulate his other work flux: "numerous now know that Robertson TV appearances included in the complete stage curriculum vince of Joe Melia, to take one actor at random, ver encapsulate his other work flux: "numerous TV appearances included the complete stage curriculum vince of Joe Melia, to take one actor at the complete stage curriculum vince of Joe Melia, to take one actor at the complete stage curriculum vince of Joe Melia, to take one actor at the complete stage curriculum vince of Joe Melia, to take one actor at the complete stage curriculum vince of Joe Melia, to take one actor at the complete stage curriculum vince of Joe Melia, to take one actor at the complete stage curriculum vince of Joe Melia, to take one actor at the complete stage curriculum vince of Joe Melia, to take one actor at the complete stage curriculum vince of Joe Melia, to take one actor at the complete stage curriculum vince of Joe Melia, to take one actor at the complete stage curriculum vince of Joe Melia, to take one actor at the vince of Joe Mel Robertson TV appearances include the part is series Foreign Affairs and the Stride prepared gome Call My Bluff; ones and films include Four in the Morning Equally if an actor makes the manner and his name first in another when the medium, and only then appears on the stage the theatrical emphasis gives a felse impres-sion. If Who's Who in the Theatre is to continue to be the actors' bible it must, I think, correct this bias in its next edition.

There are, also, too many absentees. Checking against the current West End theatre list current West End theatre list I noted no Michele Dotrice, Richard Beckinsale, Margaret Courtenay, June Whitfield, Derek Bond, Brian Murphy, Norman Rossington. Why, too, are the dramatic critics of the Daily Telegraph, The Sunday Times and The Ohserver ignored? If space is the problem the editors should be ruthless in their editing. It simply is not necessary for almost every entry to be littered with "played" or "appeared in" or something similar before parts and plays. On another tack I and plays. On another tack I hope that next time round the playbills will include a survey of the best from the repertiry companies. There is too much that is too good to be ignored.

Mistakes fall into two categories: literals which plague us all (Richard Kay's career becan, amazenely six years be-

began, apparently, six years be-fore his birth) and errors of fact which it is up to the editors to spot. I would, in particular, draw their combined attentions to the marital status of a large number of the biographies. Even a cross-check hetween entries would have picked up some oddities and impossibilities—on perhaps bigamy is common in the theatrical profession?

one last delight. The pages devoted to the Working Dimensions of London Theatres reveals that the Coliseum's revolve is "inoperable" (what has Lord Harewood been up to?), that the details of the traps at the National's Olivier will be supplied on applica-tion to hide?), and that the Royalty has a flat stage with lift carrying swimming pool (surely the explanation as to why it is so often dark?).

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ployment is necessary it intiation is to be reduced, or that it
is beyond the control of policy,
or that it is of secondary inportance anyway. Our view is
that unemployment at its presthat unemployment at its pr that unemployment at its pres-ent level is a major evil in itself, that the circumstances which have brought it about wave of inflation went through make inflation worse not better. and that it can be remedied by

Government policies.

The reality of unemployment is evident in most parts of the UK except for a few counties around London. School leavers have no sure prospect of their first job; men and women in the middle of their working life become permanently redund-ent; older people are forced into premature retirement. The total number of people regis-tored as unemployed in Britain is now abour 1.4 million people and probably would be some 200,000 higher but for temporary subsidies and job creation

Of the total on the register well over half a million have been continuously out of work for more than six months. One quarter of a million are under 20 years old. There is no region of the UK where male unemployment averages less than 5! r cent ; it is over 8 per cent in Wales and three regions of England, 10 per cent in Scot-land and 12! per cent in Northern Ireland.

The cost of recession on this scale is not only to be measured in terms of frustration and loss of income for those out of work or by insecurity for those in uployment. If unemployment had been held down to say three-quarters of a million, the total real national income would be nearly 10 per cent higher than it is; public expenditure cuts would have been unnecessary; industrial capacity and investment would be much

higher than they are.
Unemployment has been caused by insufficient foreign demand for British exports and the Cambridge Economic excessive British demand for Policy Review this year and imports from abroad. These last, does not support the view caused the deficit in our bal-

In the past two years it has commonly been said that unemployment is necessary if inflation is no be reduced, or that it to be reduced, or the reduced by the reduced b

the industrial countries. Most other countries (though not the United Kingdom) made the serious mistake of supposing that they could stop the infla-tion by restrictive fiscal and monetary policies; what they achieved was a slump in world trade and unemployment in their own countries, while un-loading a disproportionate share of the collective balance of payments deficit (made necessary by OPEC's surplus) onto the developing countries.

But the stagnation in trade was also caused by the continuing relatively poor performance of British industry in world markets. Devaluation of sterling was expected to produce a large increase in exports and reduce unemploymenr; instead, devaluation has kept consumer prices rising 15 per cent a year or more with-our a significant export

response so far.

Larger and earlier falls in the exchange rate for sterling would have caused inflation to be even worse than it was; they might well have caused a wage response which would also have rendered them ineffective. Our conclusion is that have been saying for several years, the present unemployment, and to some extent the present inflation, are the inevitable consequence of not having already introduced import controls, the case for which should have been strengthened by the restrictive financial policies of other industrial

countries. The evidence, analysed in

According to this view, infla-tion has been made worse, not better, by recession since this has reduced output and therehy total real income available for distribution, without reducing income claims by a corresponding amount, if at all. The wage component of in-flation has been temporarily

reduced by the incomes policy in force since 1975; but the import price component of inflation has been increased by falls in sterling while the public sector component has been increased by attempts to cut the PSBR (which meant with-drawal of subsidies and sharp increases in nationalized industry prices).

The pay policy has also created anomalies as serious as, or even worse than, those caused by inflation itself. So although the pay policy has generally been adhered to, price inflation has not been reduced much so far; nor, since pay policy has distorted wages and salaries to a degree which can only now be corrected by large money pay settlements, is inflation likely to be reduced much in the next year or two.
It is to be hoped that reflation will be undertaken by western governments this year, and that this will be accompanied by stabilization of the price of basic materials at a level high enough to secure sufficient expansion of their supply. If the price of raw materials remains too low, any recovery of world trade risks shortages and a repetition of the 1973-74 crisis.

The cost to industrial countries of comewhat higher prices for raw materials will be small as compared with the resources they could generate in a recovery from recession, and trivial as compared with the income they could gain from sustained industrial growth in future. But it is unlikely that under

existing policies the problem of existing poincies the problem of unemployment in Britain will be solved by world reflation, nor even by North Sea oil, because United Kingdom industry as a whole has neither sufficient capacity nor sufficient comparities. competitive power vis-a-vis foreign producers to prevent a very large trade deficit at full employment.

order to achieve any reduction in unemployment, an unusually fast growth of business output is necessary from now on because the labour supply is rising again for demo-graphic reasons, because the Government's special job crea-tion schemes are only tem-porary, and because public sector employment is being held

Even to keep unemployment constant at its present high level would need a growth rate of 314 per cent a year; to get unemployment down well below 1 million probably needs a growth rate of 5 per cent per annum sustained for ten years. The scale of expansion required is very much larger and more continuous than anything achieved in the past. The major obstacle is that even if the present cost advantage of United Kingdom industry is maintained, our shares of home and world markets are unlikely to be high enough to support the necessary growth of home

In other words, despite rising balance of payments gain from North Sea oil and gas, it seems likely that growth of the British economy at a rate high enough to reduce unemploy-ment will still in future run into balance of payments prob-lems, just as in the past.

This is all the more likely because United Kingdom industries have been damaged by three years of stagnation and other countries may not relfate enough to secure a full re-covery of wo. ld trade.

In addition to a growth rate priate size of the budget defment, Britain also has to contend with continuing inflation. In our view it is quite unrealistic to aim at any fast reduc-tion in inflation. In the long term, prosperity and full employment could provide the income necessary to meet claims more fully. Meanwhile, inflation, which took a decade to accelerate from 3 per cent to over 10 per cent, will prob-ably remain at least at 10 per

In these circumstances the theoretical option of further devaluation as a means of improving exports seems imprac-tical. Although North Sea revenues could help to cushion the effect of devaluation on real wages, the shortage of industrial capacity is likely to make devaluation ineffective for many years to come.

The only strategy which could hold the trade deficit in check in a period of fast growth of home demand and output is restriction of imports. This would be much more effective and certain in its timing than devaluation and would not give the same boost to inflation. Although it would cause temporary shortages of various goods, it will permit an acceleration of industrial growth to which capacity in virtually every sector would eventually be adjusted. To be fully effective, restric-

tions of imports should be accompanied by increased pullic investment and continued industrial subsidies so that the expansion of capacity starts soon enough and on a suffi-

Whether the trade balance rights itself or has to be pur right by import restrictions, fast growth requires an appro-priate fiscal policy to generate sufficient home demand. The Government's agreement with the IMF at present commits it to reduce the PSBR to a degree which is likely to ensure slow growth and a further rise in unemployment

It is true that the appro-

of private income over expenditure and on the rate at which foreign debt is to be repaid. In the past two years the private sector surplus has been larger than we had expected; having inderestimated the necessary udget deficit in the past we hav be overestimating it now. gine so far that, unless they are reversed, large tax reduction are needed to stop the PSBI from being too small. By ou reckoning the scale of tax cu in the coming Budget ought to be of the order of 52-21 billion

icit (or PSBR) depends criti-

cally on the size of the surplus

of payments surplus in order to pay off foreign debt rapidly and accumulate exchange reserves unnecessarily. In one way such policies will seem a soft option. On the foreign side they will be regarded as safe and

strains of declining of

revenues thereafter.

But it appears to us that cuts There are two dangers for the future. One is that relactance to introduce trade restrictions will mean an inevitable check to future growth as soon as imports start to rise fast. The second is that any budgetary reflation will be strictly limited to the amount consistent with a rising balance

At home those who remain in employment may get a reasonable increase in real carnings, financed by North carnings, financed by North Sea oil. But if these conventional policies are followed. Britain is likely to reach the peak of the oil boom in the mid-1980s with unemployment of two million or more, and United Kingdom industry will be ill-equipped to provide for the foreseeable furre. The college of Mr Ivor Rchard's mission last month estroyed—at least for the time-peing—what-ever hopes exists for a negotiated settlement; the talk now

Unemployment can be cure but only by budgetary relation and restriction of imports A start on both policies should be made now as North Sea oil makes the task possible to

Francis Cripps

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Eric Moonman

The loneliness of the long-distance lorry driver

times. The 10,000-mile round trip was no picnic on £9 a day expenses; the delapidated state of his cab unit made him suspicious of has employer's finances; and he knew from Consulate to supplement the finances; and he knew from other drivers that he would be vulnerable if anything went wrong. But it was a job, and these were increasingly hard to come by in south-east Essex. And then the accident he Byron, as the insurance dreaded happened. Driving his coverage he had taken out on cab unit through Turkey on the Turkish border was only his way home from Kuwait, he was negotiating a right-hand bend when he encountered a Jeep parked in the middle of the road. His cab unit failed to respond to avoiding action, and he run into a petrol tanker. The tanker driver was killed and Mr Byron was thrown clear, suffering multiple fractures of an arm and a leg, as

His injuries were attended to in a perfunctory fashion at the nearest state hospital, but no treatment was given to his broken kimbs. He managed to get himself moved to an American military bospital in Istanbul but was later removed to the prison hospital, where there was no-one qualified to treat bone injuries. The American doctor was allowed to visit him, but not to treat him, and monent damage as a result.

After three months in prison was brought to trial for dangerous driving, found guilty and fined £1,000. During this period his wife sent £6 a

£6,700. Fortunately, his employer, whose firm was now in liquidation, signed an undertaking to pay this money within the next 12 months, for

the alternative would have been indefinite jail for Ernie worth £161. Ernie Byron paid his fine

out of money raised by his family and friends in Basildon, and then skipped out of Turkey before any further legal proceedings could be insti-

But perhaps worse than the agony of his injuries and the discomfort of the Turkish prison was the fact that no one seemed to care. The treatment accorded to foreigners who run into difficulties in Middle Eastern countries is well known, yet the British Foreign office and consular offices apply the same rigid rules as they do elsewhere. It was known that Ernie Byron had no financial resources immediacely available (bis wife and three children lived on social security benefits while he was held in Turkey) but no help with the cost of getting proper medical treatment of the American hospital, or proper food while in prison, or with

his fine, even in the form of a

loan repayable when he was

Consulate to supplement the Nor, apparently, were any pounds' worth of camping equipment.

No pressure was put on the Turkish authorities to see that proper medical attention was given, and the Foreign Office apparently viewed without concern the possibility of a British citizen being held in a Turkish prison for anything up to 20 years in circumstances which were only marginally his own fault and which would never have arisen if the government had taken proper responsibility for regulating the activities of British firms operating long-

distance haulage abroad. Ernie Byron's case is not an isolated one. The oil price rises of the past three years have caused a rapid growth in the prosperity of the Middle East, and a consequent rise in exports from Europe to the countries concerned.

The Middle East ports and transport facilities serving them have proved unable to cope with the increased traffic, and exporters have turned increasingly to road haulage for cargoes of all kinds. With loads valued at £100,000 a time, this traffic has been immensely profitable, and has attracted a large number of operators who are not properly equipped for the job, as well as some who are positively unAustria and Yugoslavia impose annual quotas limiting the number of foreign lorries passing through their territories. This quota is inadequate for the amount of traffic generated by the trade expansion in the Middle East, though the Foreign Office and Department of the Environment have had some success in negotiating in-creases in the British quota. But in the meantime, some

hauliers who were unaware of the legal methods of overcoming the quota limitations, took to using forged permits, and led to a general distruct of British lorry drivers in the countries concerned. It was the possible political consequences of such unpopu-larity which led the Department of the Environment to legislate towards the end of 1975 for the inspection of permits and other necessary docu-mentation before the driver leaves the jurisdiction of the

United Kingdom. Absurdly, the British Government has not laid down any requirements for the insurance of motor vehicles taken abroad, and it is here that problems like Ernie Byron's arise. For the smaller firms and the one-man opera-tions tend to take out only by the law of the country they are visiting and under Turkish law, this is very low. The Government see their role as the normal standards of legal uation applies, to take out

much more extensive cover.

likely to bring Britain as a whole into disrepute, so is under insurance and consequent failure to pay compen-

A driver backed by the resources of a large and reputable haulage company will be adequately covered, but drivers for smaller firms who will not spend the money risk rough treatment at the hands of Middle Eastern authorities. It would help Britain's image abroad, and would improve the treatment accorded to British drivers, if British law were to establish abar all British hauliers operating overseas were required to be insured to the same extent as they are when operating in this country, and that they were therefore adequately covered for any damage they might have done. It would require only a minor amendment to the International Road Haulage Permits Act, 1975, to ensure that insurance documentation was also exam-

surance companies in provid-ing cover might in fact provide British lorry drivers with the kind of legal and investigatory assistance abroad which they ought to, but do not at present, such insurance as is required receive from the consular

limited to "encouraging" or medical treatment fall convisitors to Turkey, or other countries where the same sit national might expect, it national might expect, it should be the responsibility of the consulate to obtain the This is a totally inadequate right advice or treatment as

tions of cost subsequently. The aloofness of the consulate places British nationals at the mercy of authorities whose concept of justice is very different from our own.

Many of the problems arise from the lack of adequate consultation with the governments of Iran and Turkey, the countries through which these routes run. The best approach to these governments is un-doubtedly through the EEC, since the interests of Britain in keeping the routes open is Western Europe. Our Foreign Office together with the Department of Trade must take a more intelligent interest in the EEC Mediterranean policy and its implications for

The trade with the Middle East involved in these long-distance lorry routes is vital to our economy. It is not enough the Government to act simply as an information ser-vice for firms and to hope that lorry drivers will educate themselves to know whether they have the right documentation. The Government's

Kaunda's Government for its excessive/concern with external United National Independence Party (UNIP), who are often remarkably outspoken in the attacks on the Governmen have publicly suggested the country is paying too hih a price for its moral princips. Zambia, they say, has me enough for Z mbabwe sho-desis and it is now time the country concentrated more on its own interests. One of them ever suggested that if Laire could continue transporting its goods through Rhodesia then Zampia, which closed its order with Rhodesia in 1973, should

do the same.

The sident Kaunda an other

Zanbian leaders have trongly
rejected such suggestins. But as the Cahinet attempts to grople with the country's mounting economic problems there must be some alongst its numbers who wishe Zambia was not saddled withthe additional burden of Rhoesia.

in Lusaka is of irensifying the guerrilla war. war which could eventually pill over the

border into Zamia.

However, Rhodsia is not the only, or even the most important, cause of Zabia's present economic difficulties (although economic difficures (atmough it often proves to be a useful scapegoat). It though the border closure s said to have cost Zambia abut 1.360m, the benefits would robably only be marginal if it were now suddenly to b reopened, and would certainly not lead to immediate bussormation the country's conomic outlook.

the country's conomic outlook, notably the copper beit, it pro-For a stat, Zambia has vokes a degree of hostility, developed alternative communito Dar es Saam, along which virtually all ts 700,000 tons of virtually all its 700,000 tons of copper exports are now bein carried. As ambia must ever tually repay a £200m loan the Chinese it will be anxios to reap as nuch revenue from this line aspossible.

And although some of ne traffic that is now bing carried of the Tanzam ine

carried of the Tanzam ine would be switched ack through Roodesia is all ack commercial operations which have developed in Zama since

the border closure. Cambia's present diculcies are the result of a naber of factors — the gener world recession, the closur of the chammications link through Rhodesia and Angel, rising defence expenditure nd, most important of all, the ill in the price of copper. Tese have been compounded a high degree of mis-mana ment and general inefficienc in many governmental and para-statal

they have the right documentation. The Government's failure to exercise control over the firms who take exceptional and ill-considered risks is bringing Britain's road haudage industry into disrepute. We risk losing our share of the transit quotas and the valuable trade they signify if this goes on. The Government must regulate this traffic.

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governmental and para-statal organizations.

"Zambia's ecomy bas taken a nose dive not there is no sign that it will flatten out", one westin observer commented. The hance of payments, which we once comfortably in surple, has moved sharply into the ded. The Government has maged to curb the high level if imports, but the result has feen stagnating industrial projection and wide-spread shortags. At the same time inflation's roaring ahead

burden which helps to keep Zanbia in doubt overits future

The black nan's

theme which recurs with in- araround 25 per cent and un-reasing frequency in Zambia's exployment is rising. member National Assembly criticism of President The Government seems at a)ss to knov what to do next.
h June, 1975, President Kaunda excessive/concern with external lited the cuntry on a marked matters, particularly Southern ocialist ourse. His most Africa, while too little attention recent pronouncements seem to is paid to the country's bur indicate that he is swinging geoning domestic problems. back to a more centrist posi-Backbench MPs from Zam tion, partly with the aim of en-bia's sole political party, the couraging more foreign investments. For the moment Zambia is still gating enough foreign loans to ide it over its imme-diate diffculties—but ar a price.

A commination of food shortages, soming prices and fewer jobs inevitably creates feelings of reserment. There are signs that discontent is rising and could jet worse. Zambians at all levels, both privately and in public, seem increasingly prepared to criticize the govern-ment for its failure to stem the decline,

The degree of discontent should not be exaggerated. The Government is not in danger of being torpled. The state of emergency which was intro-duced during the student unrest over Zambia's stance during the Angolan civil war last year, is till in existence and could be used to quell any new outburst

President Kaunda, although he has bet some of his magic, still stads head and shoulders above any other political leader. And Zambia, for all its projems, remains remarkably fee, with hardly any of the plice state trappings which exist in many other Africa countries. Critics can still nake themselves heard

without the fear of being locke up. The real test of the Governmens popularity will come with the elections next year, the econd to be held since the courty became a one-party stat. The Government camer los because all those contest in the elections must be UMP numbers. numbers, but President Kunda could be embarrassed by a low poll. All the indicais are that the party bac filed to attract widespread apport and that in some areas,

cation routs, notably the whether President Kaunda in Chinese-built Tanzam railway an attempt to broaden his politol Dar es Saam, along which rical support, will turn to his old adversary, Mr Simon Kap-wepwe, a former Vice-President of Zambia. Mr Kapwapwe's United Progressive Party (UPP) was banned in 1972 and he was held in detention for a time Recently talks were held be-tween him and Mr Aaron Milner, the Interior Minister.

carried of the Tanzam ine would be switched ack through Phodesia if the today probably be substantially were than the fore the claure. Furthermore, the reopening of the Victoria Falls bride to Zambiar-bound traffic bould bring with it an unwebme wind of competition for those secondary industries at other commercial operations which but they were incondusive. The importance of Mr Kapmanaged to main ain a delicate tribal balance within his administrations, could well be anxious to bring the Bemba back into the mainstream of Zambian poli-

tics at this stage. At the same time, President Kaunda is comint under in creasing pressure b bring some young blood into his administration. There is a new generation of Zambian who feel be has surrounded imself for too long with loyal/but often iseffective colleagues from the

early days of intependence. But this new group is itself divided over wat course Zambia should take Some favour a greater degre of free enterprise, but others believe the Marxist style c government be ing tried in Agola and Mozan-bione could be the answer to hique could be the answer to MONICATE bate which islikely to intensity during the eriod until next year's elections.

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A little difficulty like being unable to play host to the Eurovision Song Contest is nor going to prevent Britain from going to prevent Britain from playing her full role upon the European stage. At this very moment, while the Government teeters and the price of gas goes up again, British experts are attempting to prove our world superiority in the field of the black pudding.

The picturesque little Normandy town of Mortagne au Perch, which has few other claime to world renown, has this week been playing host to five ripe tons of cooked pig blood and a herd of pork but-chers for the fifteenth annual Concours Du Meilleur Boudin, the European Black Pudding Championships. It is the largest, and with any luck the only, event of its kind in the world. Alan Hamilton was there and reports:

Knees-up

Mortagne au Perch has one thing in common with Barusley, Chorley, Burnley and Argyle Street, Glasgow: it believes it-self to be the home of the finest black puddings available anywhere. With Gallic chauvinism, where. With Gallic chauvinism, the French are prepared to pit their puddings against all comers—always provided, of course, that the contest is on home ground. Unfortunately they do not often win.

This year's contest attracted some 600 entries from throughout Europe, including 50 from Britain: by the end of the three day festival, eight British entries remained in the running. The winners are not an-nounced until next weekend, which gives the organizers an excuse for another knees-up, and the prizes are not presented

The Times Diary

A bloody tussle over the puddings

until the weckend after, which gives them ret another excuse.

The pudding contest is accompanied by a fair, street carnivals with giant pudding-shaped marionettes, and an agricultural show. Pudding championships are held in a large hall in the centre of the show, with the numbered entries, identified only by country, laid out on long trestle tables for the judging. Spectators lean on the rails to watch with an intense appreciation of the spectators are not the spectators. interest only otherwise seen in the paddock at Newmarket. This year's United Kingdom

This year's United Kingdom judge was Les Till, a rotund pork butcher and magistrate from Jersey. "I give them points for colour, consistency, flavour and presentation", he explained, pointing out one sad British entry which will be receiving no medals because all its diced pork fat bad sunk to the bottom during cooking the bottom during cooking. Till's own pudding came top of the British entries three years

Caviar The puddings are sent by post to Mortagne at least a week before the judging, and are stored. "Last year the judges required more than their usual fortitude", said Till. "The refrigeration broke down." Insing compations down." Losing competitors suspect that the French hosts leave the foreign entries out in

Cold raw black pudding, however lovingly made is not a thing to be eaten in quantity. The judges nibbled, spat, and cleared the palate between tastings with mineral water and Normandy cider. "Alors", declared a sharp-suited French judge on seeing the flat cake-shaped baked pudding from Bill Whitfield of Washington, Co Durham; "C'est un pan-cake non?" cake, non?"
Whitfield was watching from

the sidelines, accompanied by Jack Thornley from Chorley, Lancashire—the only other British butcher who took the precaution of bringing his entry to the contest by hand. Both men have an array of cups and medals from previous contests. "Mind you", said Thornley bluncly, "we weren't even allowed to compete in the old days. You could not even get a British black puddings", retorted Whitfield. "are known all over the world. In Cyprus they call them the caviar of the north of England. And when I went on holiday to Malta last year, the first words I heard when I walked into the hotel were: "I'm bet he hasn't brought any black puddings."

All matters of importance Jack Thornley from Chorley,

All matters of importance relating to the black puddings are in the hands of a superficially august body known as the Congress of the Congress

Goute-Boudin, a sort of Black Pudding Brotherhood whose

Grand Master, or godfather, is Aldonce Gotteri, a local garage proprietor and prominent citiproprietor and promanent can-zen of the town.
"The first time I met Gotteri he was lying under a Circoen", said Thornley when no one clse was listening.
"When done has know about

puddings?"

So I asked Gotteri how he could be a pudding authority when he is in fact a garage proprietor? "C'est un anusc-What does he know about ment", he declared with a magisterial wave of the hand, and walked off.

Rites

The Chevaliers take themselves quite seriously, and have a uniform of scarlet robes trimmed with ermine, a hat like a curly bowler, and a coat of arms consisting of crossed griddle and toasting fork. Initiation ceremonies, for those who have served the cause of the boudin well, involving a dubbing on each shoulder with a giant iron fork. Thornley and Whitfield, both members, are entitled to wear a large porcelain medallion round their necks. "If you become a Haut Officier you get one the size of a dinner plate", they explained. The Chevaliers take themone the size of a unider plate, they explained.

Don't make too much fun of it", counselled Whitfield.

"It's a serious honour, you

know; once you're in you get invited to wine tastings."

There is a darker side to the picture, however. During the initiation ceremony each new chevalier takes an oath to eat a piece of black pudding every day for the rest of his life. It is whispered that the vow it not always strictly observed. Because of the widely differing national characteristics



vitation to destruction Tlus was potographed at a Stock-bridg hotel by I. M. Richardson of Woodford Green, Essex.

cup s awarded to the winning cup a awaroed to the winning entry from each country, with an everall prix d'honneur, whilt usually goes to the German's At the end of the preliminary judging Britain's handful of remaining sentries looked activit herida tre whole replacements to the country of pitiul beside two whole tables of serman finalists.

some authorities believe that wlat the Germans make is not really a black pudding at all hat a rich sausage of cooked nears which happens to be held together with pig's blood. They particularly disdain the Ger-man trick of adding jelly to make it heavier.

No escape

puiding, is a much weaker would find that all the losing mixture, containing little more entries in the contest, some of than blood, fat and omions, and them at an advanced stage of locking like a tube of wet brow there.

Now your British pudding of black puddings, a separate said the two resident author

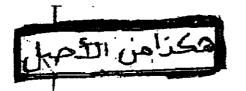
ties, " is a ir superior product, and much hore nutritious. It's got barley groats, cooked meat. spices, an delicious back fat from the oin of the pig.", la addition, pritish puddings are made to lok richer on the outside by sing dipped in black pudding he, a concection available to le trade. "Try his", said Whitfield.

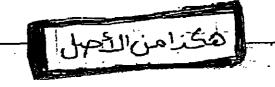
proferrig a morsel of his com-petition entry which he had sneake while the judges were confering in a corner. "See how intatches you at the back of the broat? Nutmeg. that is Lovely Now try this one. See? One isboiled in the boiler, the other is baked in the oven-There nothing like a black puddig baked in the oven-

It s difficult to get away frompeddings during the three day of the fair. In an adjacent hall families were queuing up at sals to chew slices freshly coolec over a charcoal burner-Stringer men were chewing ther way through nine-inch length of pudding housed in a

Yerday the highlight of reterday the highlight of the roceedings was a contest aning local men to see who come eat the greatest length of pusing. At the grand dinner of he chevaliers on Saturday nist, invited guests were seed with what appeared to beausage rolls; but it was not stage meat they were filled the day of the festive was any visitor to the festive and seed any visitor to the festive and seed of the s

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Ner its fully LIBERALS IN THE LIMELIGHT The might find it embarrassing to ment's portion the reasons are the

evening will depend on its capacity to satisfy the Liberals. In one sense that might not seem too demanding a task. Mr David Steel bas been careful not to seek any impossible changes of policy: indeed, most of his suggestions come into the category of what the Government would do, or would wish to do, unyway in the present parliamentary circumstances. The days of the headlong rush to socialism are over for this Parliament. Most of the damage outlined in the Manifesto has already been done. So if the Government came to an arrangement with the Liberals it would not be forced to give up any measure of consequence on which its heart was

Mr Steel has mentioned four specific points: devolution, tax reform, direct elections to the European Parliament and worker participation, though not on the lines of the Bullock report. None of these should give too much difficulty. The Government is already engaged in talks with the other parties in an attempt to secure the necessary basis of agreement on devolution. Many ministers these days share the Liberal anxiety over the burden of direct taxation on incomes. The Government is itself committed to bring in legislation on direct elections to the European Parliament and the Cabinet has agreed that one of the options to be out forward for public discussion in the White Paper should be proportional repre-sentation with a system of regional lists. Worker participation might cause the greatest crouble, because the Government about that from the Govern-

disentangle itself from the Bullock preference for achieving this through the established union machinery. But the trade union movement is itself by no means united on this and there could be no majority for it in the present House of Commons.

But an arrangement of this

political consequence between the Government and the Liberals is not to be obtained simply by placing ticks against a list of policy items. The main problem would not at this time be on the substance of policy but on the form of the agreement. Mr Steel says he wants it to be open and public. It is easy to see why. There are two party advantages which the Liberals might hope to gain from such an accommodation. One is to demonstrate that they can exercise a moderating influence on whoever is in office. They might then be able to claim at a subsequent election that the best way to secure sensible, moderate government in Britain would be to vote for a strong Liberal representation in the Commons. That would be the most persuasive answer to the perennial charge of the wasted vote, but for it to be convincing the Liberals do have to show that they are in fact capable of bringing such pressure to bear. The other advantage the Liberals might hope for-though this would be more long-term and much more uncertain-is possibly to bring nearer that realignment in British politics of which they

have dreamt for so long. The Liberals want, therefore, not only influence, but the public acknowledgment of that influence. There are difficulties

ment's point of view, for good reasons and bad. No Government can afford to look as if it is prepared to be humiliated by another party in order to cling to office. Mr Callaghan cannot be expected to say in effect that he will govern in future according to Liberal instructions. But ministers are inhibited not only by a proper regard for their own dignity and authority but also by fear of their left wing and of the ghosts that still haunt the party. Anything that savours in any way of a peacetime coalition is regarded in Labour circles as such a mark of mortal sin that ministers shrink from any agreement with another party even to do what they know the logic of their position will force them to do anyway. And there are those on the left whose greatest fear is compromise and who would relish the opportunities that they believe would be brought for them by defeat and a Tory government.

So if any accommodation between the Government and the Liberals is to be devised this week it will require subtlety and sensitivity. If the Liberals seek too much they will end with nothing, except the possibility of throwing the blame for an early election on to the Government. But there is much to be said, if it can be obtained, for an arrangement that would permit the present Government to remain in office for a bit while ensuring that there would be no more extremist measures. That would be preferable in the national interest to an immediate election at this time. But it does depend on an effective assurance from the Government on the

moderation of their ways.

But what touches Zaire

MISSIONARY MARXMEN IN AFRICA

The visits of Presidents Castro and Podgorny to their African friends and clients this week show, and are meant to show, the strength and legitimacy of Russia': missionary interest in Africa. They contrast with the disarray of the West after the failure of the Anglo-American effort to present black Africa with an acceptable but peaceful achievement of their ambitions for Rhodesia-Zimbabwe, and vistas (if no more) therewith of change in South Africa itself.

President Podgorny is the personification of Russia's worldwide power, its oceanic navy, its intercontinental nuclear force, its pervasive and determined diplomacy. Such massive power' impresses the Africans, and does not yet frighten many of them. Dr Castro is, without his Russian delivery-system, nothing much. The Africans know that. But in many places besides Angola he has for years provided invaluable security and technical services, made palatable by his claim that he too is of their oppressed and exploited Third World. A formidable combination for some years, it is now overt and self-confident.

Russia's method in Africa must be the manipulation of person-alities and regimes. It is not the Soviet neocolonialism in Europe hacked by armies on frontiers or in occupation. Penetration and control must be through Africa's internal politics, which lend themselves to it by their opportunism. But Russia must offer to solve local as well as inter-African issues. The destruction of white rule is one, but only one. African regimes also have ambitions against each other, hard to reconcile, particularly in the South and in the Horn.

In Angola Russo-Cuban intervention gave President Neto victory. But now the Russians must deal with the consequences. The fighting in Shaba, formerly Katanga, is part of these. The frontier between Angola and Zaire runs almost as hot as the frontiers of Ethiopia. Each country harbours subversive forces wishing to overthrow the government of the other. President Mobutu backed the three groups which competed with President Neto's Marxist MPLA, and still keeps them in the field or as potential threats. Simultaneously President Neto has a counter-force in the exiled Katangan troops of Moise Tshombe. This group has now been persuaded that the time is ripe to drive against Shaba and its copper and manganese, with Cuban aid. Their object is to spark off a revolt against President Mobutu's unstable regime, reveal the demoralization of his army, and forestall Zairean counterplots against Cabinda and

touches Zambia. The two countries stand together against the pressures of Marxist Angola and Mozambique, in whose control of access to the coast and use of Cuban troops they see a threat to their own independence. President Kaunda will have the opportunity to ask the relevant questions of both his visitors this week, in intervals between discussions on helping the Rhodesian guerrillas. His preoccupation is Rhodesia, but he cannot be happy at seeing Zaire, however indirectly, the latest victim of Russia's growing say in African affairs. He has shown more sensitivity than most African leaders to the dangers from Africa's weakness and divisions—the growth of puppet regimes, serving non-African interests—in the after-math of colonialism.

The extent of the threat to Zaire is not yet clear. The West must be circumspect, as President Carter obviously perceives, in jumping in with military aid. That might serve Russia's interests. But there cannot simply be acquiescence in Cuban intervention directed towards changing African governments, as well as installing and protecting them from their constituents. It may be best to take Zambia's advice on how to make it counter-productive. The West must play with care.

David Wood

The moment of truth for everyone

Speculation about the outcome of Wednesday's "no confidence" vote in the Commons will get us nowhere, at least until crude deals have been made in the next 36 hours or so. For all we know, the well-known journalist is once again running between Eaton Place and 10 Downing Street, to inform Mr Tom McCaffrey, the Prime Minister's press adviser, according to precedent, what Mr Enoch Powell intends to do with the whole or part of the United the whole, or part, of the United Ulster Unionist vote.

For all we know, some other errand-boy has made his way under a flag of truce to explain Mr David Steel's terms to Mr Callaghan, and Mr Callaghan's to Mr Steel For all we know, Mr Frank Tomney, the Labour stalwart of the right, who has been much our upon by his hus been much put upon by his constituency party and the national executive committee, has already decided that if the Government's reprieve depends upon his golden vote, then he will wreak vengeance by denying it. Anything, from the heroic downwards, is possible when

the stakes are high. Rather than speculate in permuting voting figures, it is more profitable now to analyse unemotionally what has happened and how it happened. Having argued the point more than once in this column, I can state quite simply wat has happened. A government that came into power with support from less than a third of the total electorate of the United Kingdom in October 1974, with a tiny Commons majority now eroded by defections and lost by-elections, can no longer live by bluff and blarney as it pursues a non-socialist economic policy and tries to appease us left wing by "clause four" Bills.

The bluff has been called; or, more precisely, was not allowed to be called at the close of the public expenditure debate on Thursday night, because the Government dared not risk a substantive motion that would reveal the left's militant what is called the Government's

opposition to cuts in spending forecasts. Mr Callaghan and his business managers decided that discretion was the better part of valour. Their technical motion asked only for adjourning the House, and when the Scottish National Party shouted "No", not one Labour vote was cast in favour of the Government

In short, the Government relied on procedural gamesmanship. So did Mrs Thatcher and the Opposition, who unlike the Labour left believe in spending cuts and could complain only that the wrong cuts or not enough cuts had been made. The Opposition, therefore, could not make fools of themselves by dividing against half a loaf rather than a whole loaf. They had to depend on the Tribune group's forcing a division and defeating the Government by a direct vote against the cuts. In the event, the Tribune group, who are heroes only when there are no shots or courts martial, did not shout "No" to the adjournment motion. They sat silent as the Sphinz. At that point the Scottish Nationalists, aggreeved less by public spending cuts than by the Government's failure to carry its devolution Bill, leapr in with "No" and pro-vided two tellers for a division.

Figures: 293 votes to 0. To those outside Westminster, all that must seem a flimsy pretext for Mrs Thatcher to table a "no confidence" motion and precipitate a general election. Governments, it might be felt, should be made to put their fortunes to the touch not on procedural points but on high questions of principle and policy. Yet Mrs Thatcher is still right. It is not merely that for the first time since she became leader she has completely broken up the tacit coalition between Government and small parties that has kept Labour and socialism in power since October 1974. It is also that the revenue side of the Budget gets lionized and the spending side gets ignored; and the two economically must be of equal importance.

We know that Mr Healey, the Chancellor, intends to bring in a giveaway Budget on March ?9, immediately before Stechford votes in its by election and before the TUC leaders agree to a third year of pay curbs on the basis of what is called a "social contract" that the Government has essentially distorted, if not abandoned. Con-servatives know that Tribune group MPs and a majority of Labour's national executive committee oppose

economic strategy, or more exactly its package of economic shifts and

called the " moment of truth ", even on a basis of mere Westminster procedure : because the worm eating at the heart of Labour politics has been plain to see for years. Mr Callaghan no doubt meant it was "the moment of truth" for minor parties to decide between himself and Mrs Thatcher as Prime Minister. In a more important sense, it is the moment of truth for the Labour Party itself, the day a fundamental falsity is put to the test. What kind of party is it, and what kind of Government can it produce? Does it pursue "class" interests, or the long-term parismal interest or either long term national interest, or either according to party needs of the day?

Those are now questions that have to be answered in the next few hours by Mr Steel and the Liberals, and by Mr Enoch Powell and such Ulster Unionist MPs as he may influence. Or even by the three Plaid Cymru MPs: Mr Prentice, a former Cabinet minister now dis-carded by his constituency party; and Mr Tomney, the dismissed Labour MP for Hammersmith. North. It is the moment of truth for all of them.

I do not pretend to know what the outcome in Wednesday's division will be I should not care, though, to be in Mr Steel's shoes as he makes a fateful decision for the Liberal Party. He has made the mistake of openly stating his terms for a deal with Mr Callaghan, and they are terms that no Prime Minister could publicly accept. It is not valid, as Mr Sreel has stated or implied, that there is a consensus in or outside Westminster for Scottish and Welsh devolution, or for proportional representation in our voting system. The Government irself has accepted that the devolution Bill cannot yet be carried through Parliament; the weakness of the House of Commons exploited, since March 1974, by the Govern ment shows that a multiplicity of

representational justice. Yet we are probably in a situation when by procedural gamesmanship Mr Callaghan and Mrs Thatcher have provided an opportunity for the people to decide when the longdiscussed reorientation of political forces, at least inside Westminster, should at last begin to take place. I hope for little, yet I could be surprised.

has few cards at the moment and

Mrs Thatcher and the Shadow Cabinet are therefore justified in creating what Mr Callaghan has

parties in the Commons can create governmental paralysis as well as

Cannabis and the law

From Lady Wootton of Abinger Sir, Why, I wonder, has Mr Ronald Butt chosen this moment (March 17) to give thanks to Mr Callaghan for his rejection, when Home Secretary eight years ago, of the allegedly

pernicious recommendations of what has become known as the Wootton Committee on Cannabis? Is Mr Butt unaware of all that has happened since then? It may still be early days to be confident that prolonged or excessive use of can-nabis (as of any other drug) may not carry risks comparable to those which at long last have been found to be associated with tobacco. But Professor J. P. D. Graham's recently published collection of papers by 12 eminent contributors shows that even on this point the flood of new research does not all point in the same direction. Meanwhile there has been a great change in the climate of Western opinion about the moderate use of cannabis and the proper scope of legislative action in relation to this.

Already in the United States, eight states have taken steps to "decriminalize" the possession of cannabis, while at least a score of others are contemplating similar action; and now we hear that President Carter's administration is giving federal blessing to this policy.
Other governments in Canada, in Europe, and in Australia are following the same path.

But most remarkable of all is Mr Butt's failure to notice that Mr Callaghan himself is moving with the times. The Government of which he is the head has just presented to Parliament a Criminal Law Bill which would halve, by a reduction from six months to three, the maximum sentence which a magistrates court can impose for possession of cannabis. Contrary to what is widely believed, neither my committee nor I have ever advocated the legaliza-tion of caunabis. But the Govern-ment's new proposal would bring the penalty for summary conviction of possession actually below the level recommended by the infamous Wootton Committee.

.Yours. etc. WOOTTON OF ABINGER, House of Lords.

Arabs at universities From Mr Antony Sherwood

Sir, Mr Morrell has put his finger on some very real difficulties in the way of Arab students coming to study in Britain (letter, March 16). But the picture is not entirely gloomy.

The British Council, which has long standing interests in educa-tional cooperation in the Gulf, has over the past two or three years been in touch with a large number of British educational institutions, most of whom recognize the diffi-culties and are doing their best to overcome them. An increasing number of courses are being devised to reflect the known needs of countries such as the UAE, and the British Council has provided, and will continue to provide, the UAE Ministry of Education with details of these.

Offers of training in Britain are usually designed to enable UAE students to enter the system with-out special preparatory training, but where this is necessary bridging courses can be designed to provide both English language training and the necessary academic qualifications.

Where courses already exist, the published fees for overseas students normally apply: where courses have to be specially set up to meet the needs of a particular group of students, the full economic costs have to be charged and inevitably it is high. Perhaps some private institutions try to make excessive profits out of this situation, but fortunately they are few.

Mr Morrell is right to stress the genuine friendship that exists in the UAE (and other Gulf states) towards Britain, particularly in the educational field, and the need to safeguard against the loss of this friendship through undue inflexibility. These matters were discussed at the UK/UAE intergovernmental Joint Economic Committee meeting held in Abu Dhabi in December, and the British Council is now following up the opportunities for increasing cooperation revealed on that occasion.

Yours ever. ANTONY SHERWOOD, Head, Africa and Middle East Division, The British Council, 10 Spring Gardens, SW1. March 17.

Encouraging literature From the Director of the National Book League

Sir, Your readers may not be aware that Sweden does already have a scheme in operation very similar to that proposed by Tom Rosenthal in his article in *The Times* of February ruary 26.

The Swedish Government subsidises the publication of serious novels by contributing to their cost of production. The subsidy is dependent on advance orders being placed by public libraries, of which there must be a minimum of 40 copies by no less than 24 libraries. This obviates having official selection committees and the like. It also meens that readers can influence the choice of books by their local demands on the libraries.

The other side of this subsidy, which approaches very nearly to Mr Rosenthal's proposal, is that the publishers have to supply 1,250 free copies of each title subsidised to public libraries.

This form of subside makes sure both that the worth while book can still be published and that it will secure an adequate readership. It is worth adding that a not too dissimilar scheme operates in Nor-

Yours faithfully, MARTYN GOFF, Director, National Book League, 7 Albemarle Street, W1. March 18.

Prosecution of Ulster terrorists

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mr Edward Hay Sir, Mr Airey Neave is right to say (March 17) that "many big fish among the terrorists in Northern Ireland swim around with immunity". Certainly, when I served in Ulster, under a Conserva-

tive Government, that was the case.

But the fact remains that it is extremely difficult to frame a law which on the one hand will bring forth a guilty verdict in a court of law, and on the other hand, will not trespass on the rights and freedoms of the great majority of law abiding citizens. I would hazard a guess that Mr Whitelaw, when Secretary of State, thought about the possibilities of such a law but rejected it on the

grounds of impracticability.

For Ulster will only return to normality if the due processes of fair and reasonable law are seen to be at work. Internment without trial was a mistake, as most people, with hindsight, will now acknowledge. It was a mistake largely because it. brought the IRA considerable sup-port in the Catholic ghettos but also because it was thought by the majority of the population to be

Therefore, at this critical time, when the IRA look to be losing their economic support from foreign countries, it would be unwise to give them the slightest banner to wave in the supposed cause of freedom. Your obedient servant. EDWARD HAY. London, SW1. March 17.

BBC's Irish troubles From Mr John Biggs-Davison, MP for Epping Forest (Conservative)

Sir, Following your balanced defence of the BBC (March 16), I would praise its determination to present facts and expose injustice without fear or favour. To that may be ascribed much of its worldwide

But a Corporation that calls itself "British" and is under Royal Charter cannot stay superbly aloof from a life or death struggle not

between rival communities or different opinions but between the defenders and destroyers of our democracy—between revolutionaries who, invariably rejected by the universal and secret ballot, turn to terrorism and all those who abide

by constitutional process.

The few cases of military or The few cases of military or police brutality must be investigated and punished. The Security Forces should not, and do not, lower themselves to the level of the terrorists. But one must not forget that the exploitation of the media of mass information has long been a main weapon, skilfully used, of the physical force republicans. Broadcasters must therefore be on their guard less they be consed. guard lest they be conned.

Indeed, a BBC concerned for

justice, objectivity and the public interest would present more vividly and more often the chivalry, cold and more often the chivalry, cold courage and exertions which are routine in the Royal Ulster Constabulary and RUC Reserve as in the Ulster Defence Regiment and the Security Forces as a whole BBC viewers and listeners are among those whom they protect with their service and with their lives.

If film making on location with actual personnel be too risky, a fictionalized series about the RUC could be both informatics and enter-

could be both informative and enter-taining. The public appetite for police thrillers need not always begrafified by noisy, trashy features imported for dollars. Yours faithfully, JOHN BIGGS-DAVISON, House of Commons. March 16

From Mr F. E. McWilliam Sir, I have the greatest respect for the integrity of the BBC, yet, with regard to Ulster I can't help thinking of the priest in the novel by Honor Tracey, who exhorted his flock to keep to the straight and narrow path between good and

F. E. McWILLIAM; 8A Holland Villas Road, W.1. March 17

President Amin From Sir Walter Coutts

Sir, I would like to support Miss Elizabeth Frink's letter in your edition of March 17, on the subject of President Amin. On Tuesday June 3, 1975, I asked, as a former Governor of Uganda, to see the Foreign Secretary (then Mr Callaghan) about the position of the tyrannous regime in Uganda with particular reference to certain refugees in this country and elsewhere and also because too many of my good African Ugandan friends, officials and Ministers, were by then dead. I saw an Under Minister who informed me nothing could be done.

Something can be done if we all make our voice heard and our name very clear. The Kikuyu in Kenya have a proverb Kamuingi Koiaga Ndiri which very loosely translated means "the little body of men can more easily lift the heavy load" Communal rather than individual effort is necessary. I sympathise with the Prime Minister who was sent by his predecessor to Uganda to plead with Amin for the life of

Exit the cream cracker

From Mr Derrick R. Hornby Sir, We are sorry that in your third leader "Exit the Cream Cracker" of March 17, you feel is necessary to part from an "old friend" on an issue which is of importance to our other friends, the consumers. You seem to have failed entirely to make an assessment of the consequences of the United Kingdom accepting the draft regulation to which you have now given your unqualified support.

Quite rightly, you say that one of the main purposes of this pro-posed regulation will be to erode the butter and skimmed milk powder mountains in the EEC. However, as a point of principle the Food Manufacturers' Federation does not believe that the method of disposing of surpluses should be to force food manufacturers to use these surpluses to replace other products to the detriment of the producers and consumers of those other products. The only solution to the surplus problem is by cutting the return to that sector which creates the surplus.

It is ironic that, contrary to your belief, this proposed regulation will, in fact, increase, not reduce, the EEC deiry mountains. A recent survey carried out by the Food Manufacturers' Federation shows manuacturers reneration shows that, if this proposed regulation were to be implemented, kiquid milk consumption would be reduced by about 30 million guilons.

Not only, therefore, is the proposed regulation counter-produc-tive, but it would reduce the choice of products available to the United Kingdom housewife since a number of products containing vege-table fats would have to be with-drewn from the market. Not only would the proposed regulation have these effects, but it could put approximately 6,500 people out of work in the industry. We cannot believe that your editorial com-

ments support these results. Could we suggest that, as a parallel to this particular issue, you consider whether your newspaper would like a regulation which forces it to change its title-which title I understand you have used for some years—and change the composition of the newspaper in order to use less black ink in favour of red ink of which there is a surplus. Yours truly,

DERRICK R: HORNEY, President, FMF Conference, 1-2 Castle Lane, Buckingham Gate, SW1. March 17.

From Mr R. W. Lawes

animal far.

Sir, Your leading article dealing with the EEC exclusive use of Milk draft regulation (March 17) over-looks the basic principle that the customer has the right to choose whether they want foods made with

regetable fat or foods made with

Yours faithfully,

one of our own citizens. The Prime

Minister's personal position can now

only be much more difficult.

Two lines of action seem to me ecessary.
(1) As regards the Commonwealth Conference everyone of us who really do believe in human rights, should make it abundantly clear that not on any account do we wish this man to put his foot in Great Britain and all the Commonwealth Prime Ministers particularly the Africans should speak from the heart and not diplomacy on this occasion and say they do not want

him to attend.
(2) Every effort must be made our Government through pressure from us to make the United Nations act. If that body is prepared to do its duty, unlike its Human Rights Commission, then it should cease to indulge in double talk and carry out the intervention which the free world obviously wants and justice demands. Yours faithfully,

WALTER COUTTS. 6 Stanmore Gardens, Mortimer, March 18

Labelling regulations already exist in the United Kingdom to ensure that the buyer is not misled, but this regulation is designed to force nutritious and economic food products off the market in the mistaken belief that the farming interest and the EEC budget would benefit.

As managing director of a food manufacturing business that would be caught by this regulation, I know that the regulation would result in more milk powder being sold to the EEC Intervention Board—not less and the milk powder mountain would be increased. The taxpayer and the consumer will ultimately have to pay the bill.
Yours faithfully, R. W. LAWES,

Managing Director. L. E. Pritchitt & Co Ltd, . Comelle House Blackborse Road, Deptford, SE8, March 17.

From Mr Kenneth Werrell Sir, Butter-Scotch really is made with butter (Mrs James letter on March 18) even if it does not contain Scotch.

Likewise Chocolate Tea-Cakes, at least are made with real chocolate, if not Tea-Cakes.

But surely this is better than the disappointment of neither Cream nor Crackers? Yours truly,

KENNETH WERRELL,
Managing Director, "The ButterScotch people"
Callard and Bowser, Nuttall Ltd, PO Box 35. Silverdale Road,

Housing costs From Mr Hugh Rossi, MP for

Hornsey (Conservative) Sir, In your report "Housing Corporation replies to Charges" (March 12), you quote that it "had dropped 27 schemes comprising 2.807 homes at a total cost of nearly £34m. After allowing for some £4m in fees, interest charges and reductions in-land values, the net savings would be some £30m."

Is this not a somewhat curious use of the word "savings" but typical of the abuse of language to be found in official apologia? A more valid presentation would assert that an enforced reduction of £30m in capital expenditure will result in 2.507 new homes being lost, and

£4m of public money thrown away.

One does not level any criticism
against the Housing Corporation for this. It faces enormous difficulty in the savage cut back of £57m in its funds by a Government which prefers to maintain council rent subsidies at a level of £1,500m in the year-for rather obvious electoral reasons. Yours faithfully, HUGH ROSSI,

House of Commons.

Oxford women's colleges

From the Principal of Somerville

Sir, Diana Geddes's article in your issue of Merch 15 contained some arbitrary assumptions to which I hope that you will allow me to draw attention, since they might otherwise harm the women's colleges at

I have no right to speak for the other women's colleges, but Somer-ville at least does not fear secondclass status. Somerville, which celebrates it centenary in 1979, intends to be even more successful in its second hundred years than in its first, and these have not been undistinguished.

The article suggests that it is based on certain statistical informa-tion which as yet does not exist. It says that the best women applicants says that the best women applicants are being creamed off by the mixed colleges. Except for medicine and mathematics there is no uniform system of marking the papers of entrance candidates as a whole: hence there is no possibility of assessing accurately the relative standard of their performance. Each college and subject has its own syscollege and subject has its own sys-

tem of grading. Women were admitted to the mixed colleges only in 1974, and will not graduate until later this year. It is therefore not yet possible to compare their degree classes (by no means, incidentally, the only criterion of the value of an Oxford education) with those of their contemporaries at the women's colleges. Given that the number of places at the women's colleges has grown by only slightly more than 10 per cent over the past four years, one would expect the increase in applications from women to be larger at the mixed colleges, which took no women before 1974, than at the women's, the size of which has been

relatively stable. We are told that the "mixed col-leges can afford to be highly selec-tive with their female candidates (despite the Sex Discrimination Act?): for the past two years only 30 per ceut of applicants have been awarded places", whereas the women's colleges awarded places in 1976 to 43 per cent of their applicants as compared with 36 per cent in 1973. This means, it is claimed, that the women's colleges are being forced to take candidates of lower quality.

The interpretation of these figures is far more complex than the above suggests. The 30 per cent of successful women applicants to the mixed colleges is weighted heavily by the lower percentage of acceptance in a few subjects in which there is an excess of good candidates. The possibility that the romen's colleges may be accepting a higher percentage of their candidates not only because the range of subjects for which they are applying is greater but also be-cause the applicants are of higher

quality is entirely overlooked. The experiment of having mixed colleges at Oxford has unquestionably been a success. Provided the number of such colleges is in-creased gradually there is good reason to expect that the present growth in the number of women spalicants will persist, so that there will continue to be enough good women for both mixed and women's colleges. We are told that the number of women who will prefer a women's college is unlikely ever to be enough to have much effect That is pure guesswork.

The women's colleges have their wn attractions. Well-stocked The women's colleges have their own attractions. Well-stocked libraries were mentioned in the article amongst the advantages of the older men's colleges. Somerville, and it is not for me to speak for our fellow women's colleges, has one of the best undergraduate libraries in Oxford. The college's prestige and hopes for the future prestige and hopes for the future have already been indicated.

Yours faithfully, BARBARA CRAIG. Principal, Somerville College, March 17.

"Libertine" trial From Mr Francis Bennion

Sir, Having been in court (as a journalist rather than a lawyer) throughout the hearing of evidence in the Libertine trial, I write to defend Judge Sime against Mrs Whitehouse's attack (Letters, March 17). The learned Judge ruled impeccably, if I may say so with respect, on what evidence was admissible in the light of the House of Lords ruling to which Mrs Whitehouse refers. Mr John Mortimer, for the defence, was equally punctilious in accepting the limitations placed on him by that ruling. He admitted that it could no longer be argued that pornography was therapeutic, "like taking a pill". The learned Judge, observing that this was "nicely put", went on to rule that the "defence of learning" head of the public good defence. head of the public good defence allowed people to be shown "that there are certain vices", but not "from the operative point of view". He warned that there must be no question of "teaching a new dog new tricks".

What Mrs Whitehouse thinks is the "true public good" is not necessarily what people in general, as represented by juries, think it is. The Libertine jury acquitted on all counts. They did this unanimously, after a retirement of only fifteen minutes. Would the members of the jury have acted thus if any of them had really thought Libertine reprehensible?

At the end of her letter Mrs Whitehouse misquotes a remark made at the trial by Mr Mortimer. I know what he really said, because I wrote it down. He told the jury, quite rightly, that although the prosecutor had alleged that Libertine was "fifth", and had used other similar epithets, that had unthing to do with the case for the nothing to do with the case for the simple reason that the only words that mattered were the words in the statutory definition of obscenity, namely "depraye and corrupt". Yours sincerely,

FRANCIS BENNION 24 St A. as, Ħο Ho Sussex.

March 17

Herman Kahn

The one-man think tank who puts his faith in the future

simply that no narrower subject would give him enough material to which to apply his vast intellectual energy.

Kahn is an intellectual—which is rather like saying that Muzart was musical, or Muhammad Ali is athletic—but be has no interest in ideas for their own sake. He thinks continually and at a furious pace. but he is always thinking about something, and something that is happening, or might happen. His morto might be Cassius's injunction to Brutus: "Till then, think of the world."

He first achieved fame as a nuclear strategist. An alumnus biggest and most famous of the American think tanks, he was the first nuclear strategist to of thought about the future. become a public figure, as Kahn is among the optimists, much because of his flamhovant style of presentation as doomsters are wrong and the world is not going to run out of food or manual resources.

He is still a public figure, and he lectures to distinguished and influential public and private audiences both in America and in countries he visits, including this one. Nowadays, his subject is usually the

His first book, On Thermo-nuclear War, published in 1960, bad considerable influence, as did his later writing, on the subject aimed at a more popular audience. He introduced a new layer of the well-informed public to think-ing about nuclear deterrence: and war beyond the concept of pushing the Appealypse button. He also introduced "escalation" into the language of politics and social action and some people might think

Ten years ago, he wrote The Year 2000, and now he has fol-lowed this with The Next 200 He had collaborators on each of these works, but the clearly his. The collaborators are all members of the Hudson justitute, of which he is the

This time, he has introduced a vider public to the idea that intelligent, long-range forecastjections", and "variations" on these. ∽ canonical

intellectuals who advise govern-ments and industry, and they have nelped to stimulate other studies. Some business corporations are now interested in having in their files for referwhich they might be operating, identifying trigger points which will determine the way things

One reason why industrialists listen when Herman Kahn lec-tures to them may be that they like to hear what he tells them. There are two broad schools of thought about the future.

of food or natural resources, or choke itself to quantification of the believes that continued economic growth is not only possible choke itself to death. He

"Your view on this subject determines your whole attitude to the world", he said recently, and went on with a charac management. The way things toristic metaphor. "If you're have been run in the past few one of those who believe that the world is heading for cata. He thinks the anti-growth strophe, and that a few rich view stems partly from a miscountries are using up most reading of certain signs, partly the world's available resources, from guit feelings among then your picture of the world affluent liberals, partly from a something like this: there are 15 people on a rait, 14 of the West. These last two points them are dying of thirst, and have cropped up increasingly in the fifteenth has a barrel of his writing and his conversation water, and he takes a bath in the past few years, so that

His justification for doing | Middle America conservative. so is that he owns it. And his Herman Kahn is a cheerful only worry is that he may not zestrul, friendly man with round have enough water to take a dark eyes and an enormous

and contributes to our modern sons in a large house near the industrial society is abetting a Hudson Institute in Croton, a

It is easy to see why Herman ing can be useful even in a against the West. After all, what kalin has taken to exploring world of uncertainties. He the terrorist is figuring against the future of mankind. It is introduced them to such is the worst crime in history. In simply that no narrower sub. devices as surprise free protection the numbers of people who will starte to death, it makes the murder of 6,000,000 Jews pale His books on the future are into insignificance by compar-widely read among the kind of son. And I think a lot of son. And I think a lot of people will justify terrorism in this way. This is one of the things that's happening. For a lot of people, terrorist violence is becoming legitimized."

His own picture of population ence an outline of several post and resources is a very different sible future environments in one. He has constructed a chart of world history over past and future millenia in which we are right in the middle of a 400-year period during which the world passes from pre-industrial poverty to a post-industrial cul-

ture of affluence. It also envisages the population growth tagering off.

"I'm not saying," he explains, "that there won't be shortages of some things, that we won't have to make changes, and that there won't be problems. I'm there wou't be problems. I'm saying that with reasonably good management, the world can get through without catastrophe."

But what does he mean by "reasonably good manage-ment"? The kind of international cooperation and good sense that we've all been await-ing for a shousand years?

He grins and corrects himself.

No, no. I mean reasonably had

be sometimes sounds like a

bath tomorrow.

"If you believe that, then of a boybood illness. He lives the individual who works hard with his wife and two teenage

criminal enterprise, and the wooded area just north of New drop-out is more or less doing York City. His life-style is not a cloistered, academic one.

"And if this picture is right, then it justifies terrorism and military officers as often as



scientists and professional in of figures. Often, he organizes tollectuals, and he shares many them into lists.

of their concerns. He likes His most famous list was the

Kahn was educated as a physicist, and he still employs a physicist's precision to qualify his observations. He will say in conversation, "I believe that, but not very intensely. I wouldn't want to argue it before a hostile audience." Or, "We're friends, but we're armed friends, y'know? There are some people with whom you're disarmed friends".

When he writes or talks about things like resources and population, statistics come pouring our. But ideas and concepts are

Confrontation, rung 9, up to various kinds of nuclear exchange. Nowadays, his lists tend to be more eclectic. For instance: Some Sources of New Agricul-

tural Land: Long-term Urban Trends Which Should Not Change Significantly: Six Likely Global Economic Group-ings in the Year 2000; Some Key Chinese Internal Problems : Some Mixed Blessings of

This last list illustrates his lisconcerting manner of bandling technology, the social environment and man's inner life in the same brisk, comprehensive manner. The mixed blessings include: "1. defunc-

gadgets, and his office and 44-rung escalation ladder, which bome are full of them.

Went all the way from Ostensible Crisis, rung 1, through

diplomatic and economic measures to Dramatic Military

blessings include: "I. defunctionalization"—a partial but ner which, when it was not cold

Kahn studs his lectures with lists like these, and other started the Hudson Institute, to reading matter as well—charts: carry out studies for the governand tables, and even quotations ment, principally the Pentagon, and aphorisms set out on and private corporations. It posters. He displays these one still does government contract after the other to make the work, but in recent years it has points sink home, sometimes so specialized in studies of the rapidly as he races through his future financed by private in the other than offert dustry and foundations and her subject-matter used is almost subliminal. One Continental visitor to the Hudson | Paris and an restricted a perform. Tokyo.

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British televierers associate think interchangeably.

with Magnus Pyke and Patrick He sees it as having a mission of public education, and this is stumbles over his eagences in carried out principally at three

Herman Kahn grew up in Los Angeles, served in the army during the war as a telephone linesman, then studied physics at the California Institute of Technology, and taught himself economics on the side. He took a job at the Rand Corporation near by as a computer techni cian simply to earn a salary while he did post-graduate work, but he soon became fascinated by the problems that Rand was working on. He de reloped new uses for computers and systems analysis, then worked on early and influential studies for government agencies on the air force on nuclear

strategy and civil defence, Kahn was to become identi-Kahn was to become identified in the public mind as a she calls it, of the liberal soulless technocrat who turns intelligensia. By this he means humanity's problems over to computers. But he is remem-bered at Rand as one who argued against excessive reli ance on new intellectual tools. in favour of common sense. He used to say that much as he admired the brain-power and methodology of Rand when it came to tackling global political problems, he would exchange the entire staff for Winston Churchill at the age of 65.

echo of Clausewitz is deliberate made him famous. It also brought him vilification, for increasing loss of meaning of and dispassionate, seemed in their districts. You know, "I don't so through the development of ing was dubbed "nuclear porshort cuts to gratification. 2. In the science writer accumulation of weapons of James R. Newmon wrote in a mass destruction. 3. loss of lengthy denunciation: "Nuclear D. then C is the forgotten world that's mass destruction. 3. loss of lengthy denunciation: "Nuclear D. then C is the forgotten world that's mass destruction. 3. loss of lengthy denunciation: "Nuclear D. then C is the forgotten its strength of governmental and/or original remains of "This search Value". The plasticity of energy

He left Rand in 1963 and dustry and foundations, and has opened a European office in

ce lumiere. Personality. It produces studies on subjects that interest him bination of powerful intelligence and exoberant uninhibited uses the terms "I think" and

stumbles over his eagerness in carried out principally at three communicate, losing whole week-long seminars conducted phrases and scurrying up taneach year by the institute's gents, and coming near to being staff, including Kahn himself. Government officials, academics, business executives and one or two journalists are invited; a hefry fee is charged to those whose employers can afford it. I attended one, and it was an extraordinarily stimulating experience. Currently, the topics for the three seminars are: Security Issues;

> and population. These topics are broad enough and vague enough to encompass a wide range of ideas that preoccupy Khan at any one time. Here are a few,

conversation: that their education has made them unable to perceive cer-tain things that much less educated people can see easily. This is a favourite theme of

his.
"For instance", he says,
"for 10 years these people in America, and the New York Times, Time and Newsweek, their organs of opinion, they didn't see that law and order for most people was not just a code word for recism, but

"They also couldn't see that busing white children to schools in black districts would be totally unacceptable to the parents involved, even though they wouldn't mind black children being bused to schools in their districts. You know, there's a phrase in American do wrong. But I don't think it's history, 'the forgotten man', immored to make it stronger. Well when A and B get together Find me any country in the world that's less likely to misuse children being bused to schools

of governmental and/or private remain so?. This gave Kapn The elasticity of energy Norman Moss power over individuals, and "9. the title for his next book, supply. Khan forecasts that the Times Newspapers Utd. 1977

able, which contained among what he can's exhausable other things a vigorous defence energy sources to eternal ones, of his nuclear cool.

such as solar energy
As for nuclear fission: "If I could turn the clock back then I'd do so, and not have any buclear reactors. But you can't turn the clock back, and I think we can probably avoid a disaster with a reasonable degree of control."

Nevertheless, he says: "I think about 10 Third World countries are probably starting a nuclear weapons programme a nuclear weapons programme chandestinely. Countries like Pakistan, Iran, Brazil, Taiwan, South Korea. That is, they have a programme in the seuse that. for instance, they've got a lot of people studying physics at I nuclear engineering with the thought that one day, they may want to use their reactors to make weapons."

insurgency. This occupies a lot of time in the seminar ou National Security, and it is a subject on which the Hudson Institute has done studies for the United States armed forces. Vietcong in Latin America. Ten years ago, people were swying that every country in Latin America would be plagued by Domestic American Issues; and a rural guerrilla problem. Business and Society, which They've all beaten their rural includes questions of resources guerrillas. Urban guerrillas are

another thing. There's a technique for fighting a rural guerrilla war. You fight it with a rural constabulary. You make it a police action. One cop is vorth a bundred soldiers. You have soldiers there only to protect

the cops.
"Every Latin American army has gode through the counter-insurgency training course in the Panama Canal Zone. The training there is much better than it is at Fort Brzgz. And what's taught at Fort Bragg is better than what was practised

iu Vietnam.ⁱ Partly because he advises the United States military on sub-jects ranging from nuclear strategy to counter-insurgency, some people have pictured Kahn as an amoral technician, But he rejects this totally.

"I always ask myself the question is it right or wrong?" before I do anything, public or private", he says. "Eut I have no compunction about making the American military as skilful as possible. None at all. This is a decent country.

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Was it disease that finally killed off the Roman Empire?

Did Gibbon get it wrong? His explanation for the decline and fall of the Roman Empire was that degeneracy, loss of moral and physical courage, and weakening of character led to the Roman world becoming peopled by a race of pigmies when the fierce giants of the north broke in ". From time to time other more prosaic explanations have been offered for the apparent decline in the vigour of Roman society: chronic lead poisoning from the use of suit glazed containers for wine may have played a part, for example; but no one has scriously challenged the overall validity of Gibbon's analysis. Yet in common with other historians writing before the present century, Gibbon could have known nothing of the transmission and spread of viral and bacterial diseases, and in consequence he gave plagues and pestilences little emphasis as causes of power changes of the ancient world.

In fact disease may have been the vital factor. In 165 AD, troops who had been campaigning in Mesopotamia cought a new infection almost certainly smallpox—to the Roman Empire. The Mediterrancan peoples had no natural immunity to the virus and the mortality in this Antonine plague was heavy. Towns and whole provinces lost as many as one third of their inhabitants. More important, this was not an isolated disaster: in the next 100 years fresh epidemic waves of disease returned with equally devastating effects. Between 251 and 266 AD a " pestilence" was so virulent in Italy that at times so virulent in Italy that at times the deaths in the city of Rome totalled over 5,000 a day. The evidence suggests that this may have been the first contact of a European population with measles—another killing disease for any community without natural resistance to it.

The result of this contrary of

The result of this century of outbreaks of devastating sickness was a sudden drop in population both in the cities and the country-ide, opening up and the countryside, opening up the imperial borderlands to the invasions that culminated in the seck of Rome by the Gords and Vandals. Beginning in the second century, Rome made agreements with barbarian tribesmen, allowing them to settle within her frontiers in return for military service—a clear indication that empty or near empty land was available for the immigrants without displacing Roman taxpayers. By placing Roman taxpayers. By the reign of Diocletian (285-305 AD) taws were being passed prohibiting cultivators from

leaving their land. The whole measles arose (presumably by men out of Mexico City, killing structure of Imperial Rome mutation) as a human disease many of them, an epidemic of depended on a reliable supply only with the growth of large, smallpux was raging; and the of food for her military forces, administrators, and indeed all city dwelters: and a catastrophic reduction of the agricultural workforce by disease would inevitably mean that the system crumbled.

That is the provocative theory developed by the theory developed by the Chicago historian Professor Wil-liam H. McNeill as part of his henceles broader examination of the effects of disease on history. Plagues and People (Blackwell, 54.95), published in Britain chis month has already led many Americans to take a frash look at the political and social upheavals of former civilizations, and it seems likely to provoke similar interest here.

What Gibbon and earlier historians could not have known is that epidemic diseases are most lethal for communities meeting them for the first time. and that the worst killers, such as smallpox and plague, are comparative newcomers in the lifetime of the human species. So long as man remained a nomadic hunter-gatherer, moring in small groups, his diseases were few. As soon as agricultural semiement began, how-ever, it became possible for parasites to become established in a community, especially when furning methods led to repeated human contact with stignant, polluted water.

Early civilizations throughout the tropical and semitropical world became victims of para-sitic disease such as bilharzia (transmitted via water snares); and, says McNeill, "Lassiande and chronic malaise of the kind induced by blood fluke and similar parasitic infections con-duces to successful invasion by the only kind of large-bodied similar parasitic infections conduces to successful invasion by the only kind of large-bodied predators human beings have to fear: their own kind." Almost inevitably the farming communities found themselves forced to support a structure of protectors or landlords who exacted a parasitic system of rents.

And yet these early civiliza-tions were able to grow and resist external attack because of another aspect of human diseases the crucial effect of population size. Virus illnesses such as measles are so infersuch as measles are so infec-tious that they spread through a whole population quickly, gene-rally conferring life long immunity on survivors. Without a constant supply of new vic-tims the virus will die out; and, indeed, measles is never found in isolated communities much below 300,000 in number. It seems fairly certain that

stable city communities: it seems to have been unknown to the Greek physician Hippo-crates writing in about 460 BC. Once civilizations had acquired diseases of this kind and developed some natural immunity to them, handed down generato them, handed nown genera-tion to generation, they were provided a powerful weapon against outsiders. Military recruits from rural backgrounds often died in their first contact with endemic urban infections; but the survivors excited die but the survivors carried dis-ease with them as a secret weapon in their contacts with populations on their borders. Disaster came only if armie:

like Alexander's—were taken
so lar afield that they came

so far arien that mey came into contact with an unknown large population unit established in equilibrium with another act of unfamiliar diseases other set of unfamiliar diseases. In McNeill's thesis, then, the start of the Christian cra saw a handful of separate civilizations in the ancient world in Rome, and the Middle East, India and China. Each had established city populations of a size large enough to sustain virus diseases, with some natural immunity to them. Each natural immunity to them. Each was surrounded by an agricultural hinterland providing it with food and with a constant supply of healthy young people to compensate for the high mortality of city life.

Each of these civilizations, in itself stable biologically, was kept within its frontiers by disease barriers: the Chinese could not even penetrate south

disease barriers: the Chinese could not even penetrate south from the Yellow River basin to the Yangste because of their susceptibility to malaria and schistosomiasis. Yet while disease might prevent military expansion it did not stop individual entrepreneurs, and as early as 196 AD Roman merchants are said to have reached the regions of China under the control of the Han dynasty. It was these trading contacts, was these trading contacts, McNeill believes, that led to the collapse of the Roman Empire as the isolated civilizations acquired each other's diseases. Ever-increasing maritime trade facilitated the spread of infection and the next thousand years saw repeated epidemics weaken and disintegrate society wish about the spread of disintegrate society, with the awful climax of the depopulation of Europe by the Black Death between 1347 and 1350. Even more dramatic, because the isolation had been so com-

plete, was the impact of Euro-pean disease upon the pean disease upon the i Americas. On the night when the Aztecs drove Cortez and his

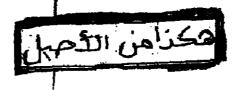
debilitating effect of that lethal illuess prevented the defenders from pursuing the defeated and demoralized Spaniards, giving them time to regroup. Later, as it became apparent that the disease spared the Spaniards, some at least of the Aztecs believed it to be a divine retribution and a sign that the Christian God was all powerful. Smallpox: then measles, and next typhus killed more than 90 per cant of the indigenous population of central America
—not the conquistadores.
Malaria and yellow fever, the two great diseases of tropical America were brought there from Africa; and indeed many of the mosquitoes essential for the transmission of "vellow jack" probably crossed the Atlantic in the water-casks of

the slave traders.

Professor McNeill's reinterpretation of history carries with
it the ring of truth, explaining
as it does events which had formerly been glossed over with phrases such as Gibbon's degeneracy. In giving too little attention to disease as a factor in history we may, for instance, have been too ready to blame the western conquest of America for the extinction of its original inhabitants. Even when contact with the white man lad to treal extinction of the man led to total extinction of a race, the genocide was unintentional—or ar least until 1763, when Lord Amherst distributed blankets infected with smallpox among enemy tribesmen.

A second conclusion is that we may have become complacent about the susceptibility of our own civilization to biological factors such as disease and overpopulation, to famine, and to major climatic changes. This century has already seen the influenza paudemic of 1918-19, which killed more people than the First World War: an epidemic of sleepy sickness followed in the 1920s, only for the disease, lethal and untreatable (it has nothing to do with infection transmitted by tsetse infection transmitted by tsetse flies in Africa), to disappear as mysteriously as it had arrived: and a new form of cholers which spread through Asia in the 1960s. We should learn the right lessons from history. While other explanations have been sought in Greek beliefs and behaviour, the immediate cause of the collapse of ancient Athens was the plague, so well Athens was the plague, so well described by Thucydides, that killed thousands of its cirizens in a single summer in 430 BC.

Dr Tony Smith



VISCOUNT COBHAM

OBITUARY

kinds wherever he went. Bis tastes ranged from cricket and

hterature and he had a wide

He carried on the family

tradition when he captained his

county cricket team from 1935 till 1939. Later, in 1954, he was

(Worcestershire

merchant ships.

Scotland, making his home

there, writing about them and working for their welfare in

ife of the region. His books,

the natural life of the High-

He was easily recognized: on .

the hills-always wearing High-

and a sportan that was twisted

A French-trained paratroop

accession to power, Ngouabi had been educated at the Brazza-

ville Preparatory Military School in French colonial days

and later attended the Saint-Cyr Military Academy in France.

He returned to the Congo in

OBE, who died on March 9, shortly before her ninery-second

living, she journeyed to Argen-

tina to act as governess to an

English family. She proved so gifted in this occupation that

her employers encouraged her

beyond all expectations. In course of time girls of all

nationalities were educated there, from kindergarten

beginnings to university level.

pered by an intellect outstand-

officer at the time of

PRESIDENT NGOUABI

President Marien Ngouzbi of "Revolution headed by Mas-

age of 38, came to pone. or massember country in 1968 after an Ngouabi headed a military coup him in 1968.

1952 and subsequently commanded an infantry battalion Congo had no official relations. with the rank of major. He also represented the army in the National Movement of the several coups over the past few years.

MISS WINIFRED BRIGHTMAN

Miss Winifred Brightman, friendship was recognized by DBE, who died on March 9, the award of the OBE. In 1960,

birthday, was a figure more renowned in Argentina than in London, where she died.

In 1914, compelled by circumstances to earn her own living she iourneved to Argentina that the time had come to retire. Although the school was her personal property, occupying land of immense living she iourneved to Argentina the was 73 and the school building the school of immense the school of the school of

Buenos Aires. She called it school, in the confidence that "Northlands". It prospered it would continue for beyond all expectations

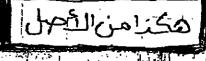
Her success was due to her recognized locally, but was also remarkable presence and per-the occasion of a personal

remarkable presence and perthe occasion of a personal sonality. She was cast in a letter of thanks from the strict Victorian mould tem Foreign Secretary, Lord Home.

ing for wit and tolerence. on the small resources available
In 1949 her work for the to her, and, sadly, in her last

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tianity.





COURT CIRCULAR

LARENCE HOUSE

larch 19: Queen Elizabeth The ueen Mother this morning lanted an oak tree in Windsor reat Park presented by the Royal orough of Windsor and Maldenorough or windsor and maiden-ead in commemoration of The ucen's Silver Jubilee. The Lady Jean Rankin and Sir larun Gilliat were in attendance.

ORK HOUSE farch 20: The Duke of Kent, rended by Eleutenant-Comman-er Richard Buckley, RN, arrived Heathrow Airport, London this rening on the conclusion of his sit to Caracas.

service of thanksgiving for the fe of Miss J. Elise Gordon will e held at the Church of 5t Bride, leet Street, London, EC4, on hursday, March 31, at 12.30 pm.

orthcoming. narriages

fr J. D. R. Bowyer nd Miss P. Platt-Hepworth he marriage has been arranged etween James, son of Mr and frs High Bowyer, of Hookstile louse, Byers Lane, South God-toe, Surrey, and Prudence, aughter of Mr and Mrs Owen latt-Repworth, of Sydney, Austalia.

ir H. G. Dalziel Smith nd Miss E. M. Fitzmaurice

he engagement is announced etween Giles, son of Mr and trs Henry Dalziel Smith, of Voodbridge, Suffolk, and Elaine fary, daughter of Mr and Mrs chn Fitzmaurice, of Bromley, lent.

fr R. Lamb ad Miss S. Moxon

the engagement is amounced atween Robin, son of Mr and its A. T. Lamb, of the British mbassy, Kuwait, and Susan, ounger daughter of the late Mr im Moxon and of Mrs Kathleen loxon, of Brighton, Sussex.

Latest wills

Burtows, Mr Watter, Edward, or Birstell, Leicestershire ... £183,826 Carter, Miss Rileen Averay, of Draycott, Somerset £103,170 Derricott, Mr Ernest Leslie, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands £200,614 Douald, Air Marshal Sir Grahame,

of Tilford, Surrey £10,315 Dudgeon, Lt-Col Christopher Rob-son, of Headley, near Bordon, son, of Headley, near Bordon,
Hampshire £107,548
Hoghes, Mr Michael Charles, of
Heuley on Thames £201,826
kimber, Mr Henry Edward, of
Buckhurst Hill, Rssex, company
director £119,471
Longden, Mrs Florence Duncan,
of Fulwood, Sheffield £348,386
Teigomount, Mrs Eva Afice, of
Teigomount, £139,577
Wynn, Mr Percival William, of
Minchead, amusement caterer.
£163,594

Service dinner

ourrey Army Cadet Force Colonel D. M. Harris and the officers of the Surrey Army Cadet Force held a regimental ladies' inner night at the Royal Corps of Fransport Officers Mess, Buller Jarracks, Aldershot, on Saturday. Visior C. J. Rowland presided and the guest of honors was Major he guest of honour was Major eneral F. A. H. Ling, Colonel, the Queen's Regiment.

3irthdays today

ord Barnetson, 60; Mr Peter 3rook, 52; the Rev Sir Reginald Thampion, 82; Air Chief Marshal 5ir Walter Cheshire, 70; Sir George Fretwell, 77; Sir Giles Guthie, 61; Sir Arthur Hunchinson, 81; Professor Sir Joseph Hutchiason, 75; Sir Victor Shepheard, 84; General Sir Frank Simpson, 78; Lord Justice Stamp, 72; Sir John Thomson, 90; Sir Stanley Tomlinson, 65.

Appointments in the

Royal Navy.

CAPTAINS: W. R. S. Thomas, MOD

With VCNS, March 17, 77; J. M. H.

Jun. 10D with VCNS, June 10; R.

Beasilp, MOD as ADNW(UW), July

21.

SURGEON CAPTAIN: W. A. N.

JUEZN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL NAVAL TURSING SERVICE MATRON: Miss M. E. Collins, nortd Princ Matron, Dec 2, "76, NOYAL MARINES
MAJOR-GENERAL: D. C. Alexander,
14 list. April 11, 77.

LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: M. R. darchant, M. Easthey, for HO Try Go and as Chief Start Offr and Commanding Offr, June 24; G. J. M.ckie, IGHM in cont as GSO1; June 2. MAJOR: J. P. Clough, loan service with the Royal Brunel Malay Hegi, 177;

The Army

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: P. Hudson pad Dep C. in C. UKLF. March 14. BRIGADIERS: Col J. N. Ghilla apptid 98 and Dep Comd HQ London Dist. Part 21; K. J. Moars to be ACOS

Forces ...

Disillusion of Orthodoxy with Anglicanism

Geneva, Rome and Istanbul make, with Canterbury, a quartet of capital cities of the Christian world Next month they will be brought a little closer, symbolically, when Dr Coggan, as leader of the Anglican Communion, travels abroad to three of them.

His meeting with the Pope will probably stead the lime-light. The two leaders have some decision-making to do when they talk, for Anglican-Roman relations have reached the end of one stage and a fresh stimulus is due. Dr Coggan's visit to Istanbul

could well prove less produc-tive, for Anglican-Orthodox relations have become water-logged. Orthodoxy, traditionally the most conservative of the four Christian corners of the globe, is going through a period of disillusionment with Angli-

A review of Anglican-Ortho-dox relations just published by Archbishop Athenagoras, Metropolitan of Thyateira and Great Britain, covers most of the points of doubt and hesitation that are straining Istanbul-Canterbury relations at the

Henry J. Heinz

The sale of the contents of the New York apartment of Henry J. Heinz II on Friday and Saturday was one of the first fruits of Softheby Parke, Bernet's "homes and contents" scheme. This service combines traditional skill in

vice combines traditional skill in the auctioning of works of art with property sales through the firm's new International Realty Corporation.

The highlight of the sale was a collection of green and white jade formed by Henry I. Heinz, sen, the founder of the commercial empire. The grand total for the two days was \$411,220 (about 5239,000).

Among the vicces was a white

Among the pieces was a whire jade mountain carved with tea planting and other farming subjects, which went to a Connecticut dealer for \$16,000 (about £9,302),

well above the estimate.

On the second day a travelling clock by Francis Raynsford, of London, made \$4,800 (about

£2,791).
Sotheby Parke Bernet also held

Sotheby Parke Bernet also held the second session on Friday of their sale of Chinese snuff bottles and works of art. It produced \$126,510 (about £73,552). An early-niveteenth-century mutton-fat jade double vase made \$6.600 (about £3,837), and a pair of lavender and Fei Ts'ul jadeite bowls feirhed \$6.500 (about £3,779), as did a T'ang pottery equestrian figure.

Hampton Court and

Kew summer opening

The kitchens, cellars and Tudor teunis court of Hampton Court Palace will reopen on April 1. No charge will be made for admission.

charge will be made for admission.

Entrance fees to the state apartments will be 50p for adults and 10p for old-age, pensioners and children. The Royal Mews exhibition will open daily from April 2. (closed on Mondays, except, Bank holidays): Admission will be

Kew Palace will reopen on

Kew Palace, Hampton Court
Palace and Kensington Palace
state apartments will be closed on
Good Friday, April 8.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Gloucester visits
Bulldog Manpower Services
centre and work-sites, Chiswick
High Road, 10.30.
Exhibition: "Light Faurastic",
laser reams and holography,
Royal Academy, Piccadilly, 10-9.
Lunchtime recital by the Vermeer
String Quarret, St John's, Smith

String Quartet, St John's, Smith

String Quarter, St. John's, Smith Square, Westminster, 1.
Lecture: Exploring the lower galleries; Spanish paintings, National Gallery, 1.
Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition, Olympia, 10-9.

SCEA. MOD. March 21: G. I. Phillios appid OC BMH Dharan and SMO. March 21: Li-Col T. G. Williams, 14/20H. to be Col GS. DMS Nato. March 30. LEUTENANT-COLONELS: March 30. N. A. Bish: QO Hidrs, appid GSOI DCI. Star Cold Cambries, March 31: Star Cold Cambries, March 31: W. P. Coldney, R. Sigs. 10 be Col 10: Sig Regi. March 21: C. F. G. Hurrhimson, RAPC, to be Asst Dep Controller Buddin, HO Alsouth, March 52: R. S. Longsdon, 17: 211. appid. CO 17: 21L. March 31: 10: R. S. L. March 31: 10: R. S. L. March 31: 10: D. R. S. L. March 31: 10: C. G. G. M. March 31: M. C. Mason, RAMC, to be OC. Trainer and Comd. Advisor, BAOR. March 31: H. C. Mason, RAMC, to be OC. Trainer and Comd. Advisor, BAOR. March 31: H. C. Mason, RAMC, to be OC. Trainer and Comd. Advisor, BAOR. March 31.

collection

By Huon Mallalieu

The ordination of women is only one of them, although that Geneva. Rome and Istanbul is an even greater difficulty between Anglicanism and Orthodoxy than it is between Anglicanism and Roman Catho-licism, if only because Roman Catholics are more likely to see the Anglican point of view.

Archbishop Athenagoras, who will lecture at the annual con-ference of British Greek Orthodox clergy on that theme at the end of this month and who will be on hand in Istanbul when Coggan meets Patriarch Dimitrios, sees the salvation of Anglicanism in reunion with

welcomes the recent agreed theological statement on authority in the church "as a good omen for the successful creation of a front for the unity of the Christian people in the West," and its reception by the General Synod as "a very positive measure for the Anglican theologians and the Church of England"

He sees Anglicanism as the product of a schism in the Western church arising from political struggles between the English crown and the papacy in the sixteenth century, and hence he argues that the remi-

fication of the Western church by Archbishop Athenagoras's is an essential in the reunifica- diagnosis of the ills besetting tion of Christianity as a whole. Anglicanism. "It is proper to emphasize that the unity between East and West and especially between Canterbury and Constantinople, is not to be realized in any other way except through the recognition of the Western

It is clear that by "recognicion" he means an acceptance of papal authority, and there is not much consolation in his words for a "liberal" interpre-tation of the papacy.

tradition on behalf of Anglican-

Liberal Anglican scholarship, as clearly shown in the General Synod debate, is prepared to accept only a kind of nominal or honorary primacy for Rome. Many Anglicans have welcomed the agreed statement on authority only in that spirit, and often the appeal is made to Orthodox views of the papacy in support. In Orthodoxy the Pope of Rome is accorded primacy of honour, but the limit of his primacy of jurisdic-tion is challenged.

In fact the liberal or Evan gelical Anglican and the of the theol Orthodox view of the papacy regards as no are miles apart, as is made clear. Anglicanism.

. His main ground for hoping that Anglicanism will return to communion with Rome is pre-cisely that he feels Anglicanism needs the discipline that goes with a papal church. He argues that "it is not far from the truth to say" that Protestantism has been responsible for the division of Western chris-

The historic struggle between Crown and Pope led to the renunciation of the authority of the See of Rome and its substitution "by a vague aspect of authority, which the Orthodox examined, though without reaching satisfactory results.". From that vagueness about authority has come the things the Orthodox world appears most to dislike about Anglican-ism, liberal theology and its supposed brainchild, the ordina-tion of women. archbishop Athenagoras finds

it not surprising that the Church of England is having difficulties in recruiting candidates for the ministry, in view of the theology, which he regards as now fashionable in

University news Oxford

Oxford
Mr. J. C. B.. Gosling, fellow of
Sr Edmund Hall and Dr. M. B.
Fowell, fellow of St Perer's College; have been admitted as
proctors for 1977-78. Mr. Gosling
will be senior proctor.
Mr. J. S. Flemming, fellow of
Nuffield College, is the new assessor. The pro-proctors are Dr. D.
J. Scargill and Mr. Mr. S. Childs,
fellows of St Edmund Hall; and
Mr. J. D. Kenyon and Mr. A. E.
Southworth, fellows lof St Perer's
College.
Awards and elections:

holar.

NVERSTY COLLEGE: Radelificavelling Fellowship: A. G. Bird. BM. C. M. S. Catharine's College. Cambidge, and Worcester College. Oxford. KELER COLLEGE: Official fellowship discussed in the college. The college of the college. The college of the college.

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Cambridge Elections

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CLARE COLLEGE: Research fellowship
P. G. Lake, BA, Clare College, history,
and A. J. Wilee, BA (Oxon), 'Glare
College, pure mathematics,
DARWIN COLLEGE: Mr P. W. Gathercrole has been elected into a fellowship
titile A).
DOWNING COLLEGE Official fellowship in physics from April 1: R. E.
Ansorge, MA, PhD, Christ's College,
setter assistant in resourch, Cavendish
laboratory: bro-elenowship in law from
April 1: G. A. Flick, LLB. formerly
scholar of the college; bye-fellowship
m physics from April 1: J. K. Hessalf,
BA, formerly scholar of the college,
ST. EDMUND'S ROUSE: Research
rellowships from April 1: M. Clusation,
DPhil, Christ's College, and Mis V.
Arman, PhD. Clirton College,
FRINTY HALL: Research
College cober 7 vie University philosophy; and R. M.—Wood, Peterhouse,
minoralogy and petrology.
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Warwick Dr R. G. Rhodes, reader in the department of engineering, has been appointed to a personal professorship. Dr I. D. Davis, lecturer in the depart-ment of psychology. Sheffield Univ, ha. been appointed senior lecturer.

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Research Countrol of the control of nitical of 170g cent, more P. C. Colman.
E30,650 from Science Research Council for three years; influence of ground shoulding on the aerodynamics of high speed trains, under Dr R. G. Rhodes and Dr K. E. Everitt.

£50,000 winner

The weekly £50,000 Premium Savings Bond prize, announced on Saturday, was won by number 7 KF 874658. The winner lives in The 25 £1,000 winners are:

Blackpool.

£239,000 paid for | Marriages Mr M. W. Nield

and Dr. D. Canelon-Gonzalez

The marriage took place on March
19 at St Leonard's, Chesham Bois,
of Mr Michael Nield, elder son of
Sir William and Ledy Nield, of
Chesham Bois, Buckinghamsbire,
and Dr Della Canelon-Gonzalez,
eldest daughter of Professor and
Senora Juan Canelon-Gonzalez, of
Valera, Venezuela. The Rev John
Stanton officiated.

Captain F. R. Dannatt-and Miss P. M. Gurney

and Miss P. M. Gurney
The marriage took place on Saturday, March 19; at the Church of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, between Captain Richard Dannatt, Green Howards, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Dannatt, of Orchard House, Great Waltham, Essex, and Miss Philippa Gurney, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Gurney, of Bracon Lodge, Bracon Ash, Norwich. The Ven Peter Mallett, Chaplain General to the Forces, officiated, assisted by the Rev David Sharp and the Rev Horace Busk.

The bride, who was given in

The bride, who was given in marriage by ber father, was attended by Belinda Gurney, Celia Fiancock, Anne Gurney, Anne-Marie Peace, Emily Peace, Henrietta Riviere, Sophie Aldred and Sam and Rosemary Millar. Capudn David Budge, Grenadier Guards, was best man. Guards, was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr J. W. Kinkmonth and Miss S. C. Griffin The marriage took place on March 19 at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Wadhurst, between Mr James Kinkanonth, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, son

of Mr and Mrs Peter Kindmonth; of Wadhurst, Sussex and Miss Sue Griffin, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Griffin, of Albemarle, North Carolina. The Rev T. D. M. Raven officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Cathy Barger, Ann von Brock, Suzanne Griffin, Philippa Kindmonth, Melissa Edmenson, Camilla Courage, Jeremy Rucker, and Sebastian Courage.

Mr Simon Ellot was best man, Mr Simon Eliot was best man guard of honour was formed by

warrant officers and sergeants of 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.

A reception was held at Tappington Grange.

Mr A. Parker and Miss C. L. Yates The marriage took place quietly vesterday at the parish church of St Peter, Lynchmere, between Mr. A. Parker, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Parker, of Minster Lovell, and Miss C. Yates, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. G. Yates, of Lynchmere.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and Mr Nathaniel Chase was best man.

A reception will be held at the home of the bride sometime in

The Rev L, R. D. Ryder and Miss O. E. Langton

The marriage took place on Saturday, March 19, at Ali Saints' Church, Rotherfield Peppard, between the Rev Lisle Ryder, son of Captain R. E. D. Ryder, VC, RN (retd), and Mrs Ryder, of the Old Rectory, Wolferton, Norfolk, and Miss Olivia Langton, daughter of Colonel and Mrs R. S. Langton, of Dial House, Peppard Common, Oxfordshire.

Cambridge chess team avenge boat race defeat

By Harry Golombek R. J. S. Sams (Corpus Christi) J. P. Sharr (Trinky) E. G. D. Hillyard (Gonville and Cains) k. M. Roberts

The annual Oxford and Cam. March 28. Admission charges will be 15p for adults and 5p for old use pensioners and children. Becurs of renovation work, Queen Charlotte's cottage, will not be open this summer: bridge university chess match was held at Cains College, Cambridge, on Saturday, and after an interest-ing struggle Cambridge emerged easy, victors, by 51 to 11. They might in fact have won by an even greater margin, since on the top board Mestel looked to be winning seerly all the time until Spetiman found an ingenious

nanoeuvre that saved the half But the most interesting game But the most interesting game was on board four, where the Cambridge player, Crouch, gave a convincing imitation of the great Wilhelm Steintz in wandering with his king to the centre of the board in the early middle game. Both sides ran into acute time trouble and when the dust subsided the game was addictioned. time trouble and when the dust subsided the game was adjudicated a win for Crouch.

Dotatled results (Cambridge names first): A. J. Mestel (Trinty): J. J. Spekman (Wortester): P. Littlewood (Christ's): 1. J. C. Benjamin (Herrford): C. Rayner (Trinliy): A. L. Hoeking (Balliol): O. C. S. Crouch (Christ's): I. M. J. Pitt (Brasenote): O. T. P. D. Charman (Churchill): 1. M. Bullock (Ortel): 0:

Spassky defeated: Viastimil Hort, of Czechoslovakia, beat Boris Spassky, of Russia, yesterday in the teach game of their quarter-final match in the world chess championship at Revkjavik, Hort and Spassky, the former world champion, now have five points

Korchnoi drew the seventh game of their quarter-final match at Lucca, Italy. The two are now level on three and a half points each.

Heorique Mecking of Brazil and
Lev Polugayersky of Russia drew
the eighth game of their quarterfinal at Lucerne. The Soviet
grandmaster, with four and a half
points, leads Mecking by one
point.

point.

The eighth game between Lajos Portisch of Hungary and Bent Larsen of Denmark in the quarterfinal at Rotterdam has been post-poned until today because Portisch is ill. Portisch leads Larsen by four points on these Router and four points on these Router and

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HQ AFCENT, March S1: O. J. Kinahan appid. Dep P-in-C. March S0: A. D. Myrtie in be Comd 8 Int Bde. March 20: A. D. Myrtie in be Comd 8 Int Bde. March 20: A. D. March 20: E. E. Holy. Harfed to de la Billiere, Li. in be Comd BATT Sudan, March 25: R. E. Holy. Harfed to March 26: R. E. Holy. Harfed to March 26: A. Myrtie March 21: L. Col J. M. March 21: L. Col J. M. March 21: L. Col J. M. March 21: Controller St. M. Myrtie R. R. C. J. Phillips appid Co BMH Dharan and SMO, appid CO BMH Dharan and SMO, March 21: L. Col J. G. Mylliams, 14/20H, 10 be Col J. G. Mylliams, 14/20H, 10 be Col J. G. Mylliams, March 20: E. Mylliams, 14/20H, 10 December 20: March From The Times of Thursday, March 20, 1952 It is hard to follow all the workings of the Chinese mind when, day after day, the Peking radio declares that the American air declares that the American air forces are dropping phials of germs in North Korea and Manchuria. Obviously, typhus, plague or other deadly diseases have broken out as they tend to do whenever men are living in primitive conditions without adequate health: services; and equally obviously the Chinese authorities are fanning harred against the Americans among their own people, who have already been taught to believe the worst of the enemy. What is more puzzling is the use that the Chinese and Russians are making of the allegations the use that the Chinese and Russians are making of the allegations in their propaganda to western countries. . . Evidently the Communists think that the allegations could be a new wedge for splitting the Americans from their allies.

Latest appointments

Royal Air Force
AIR COMMODORE: B. Brownlow to
Be Commandent A and AEE. Bescombe
Down March 25.

GROUP CLAPTAINS: B. R. L. Easton
ORAF Aldergrove C. Thompson to be
OC. RAF Aldergrove C. Thompson to be
OC. RAF Aldergrove S. U.V.
March 25.
WING COMMANDERS: J. M.
Roberts O. E. RAFU 25 Eng Plans.
March 21: R. E. Spencer to HQ SC as
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Sib. March 21: M. W. Millaker to
RAFSE.
SQUADRON LEADERS with acting
safe of wing commander): R. N. J.
Safer to CASC Bleefs HIII as board
CASC Blegin HIII as board chalman,
March 22: M. C. Glen to
OASC Blegin HIII as board chalman,
March 22: M. Spencer to HALL MARCH 22: M. Spencer to CASC Bleefs HIII as
March 22.
MSDICAL Latest appointments include:
Mr Lionel Akid, aged 42, head
of corporate planning, Cheshire
County Council, to be chief
executive of the London borough
of Wandsworth in the summer, in
succession to Mr Norman White,
who retires.

House of Commons

Monday, March 14: Debates on Expenditure Committee's reports on London deckiands and on Caryster UK Lid, motions agreed to. Representation of the People Bill read second time. Adjournment debate about fuel costs for low mome families. House adjournment of the families. House adjournment of the families. House adjournment of the families of the United States. Housing Shorthoid Tenancies) Bill read first time. Lards aumidments to Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill considered. Debate on printing of Hansard; amondment affect to the States of the House to Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill considered. Debate on printing of Hansard; amondment affect to the Safety at work agreed to. Motion on ECC doctament on Safety at work agreed to. Motion to allow Officers of the House to attend court and give evidence and the Continuent of Safety at work agreed to the Safety at work agreed to strong the court and give evidence recopy; eacher exchanges with the United Status; and on teacher training colleges in Scotland. House adjourned 10.30 pm. Wednedday, March 16: Statuments on Scopy: Sealer exchanges with the Culted Status; and on leacher training co. 5.50 pm. Scotland. House adjourned to the control of the control

ophthalmologist under NHS in Thanet. Bottles of Lords
Menday, March 14: Covent Garden Market, Harch 15: Partistons: Bill Fast Garden Market, Harch 16: Market Security (Marchalmoon Provisions) Bill passed committee stage: adjourned Returning Officers (Sendand) Bill Fast excending officers (Sendand) Bill Fast excending. Hottles of Terroriam (Temporary Provisions) Act (Continualnes) Grider agreed to House adjourned 11: 53 nm. Tuesday, March 15: Farrists Registration (Amendment: Bill Fast first time. Consolicated Fund (No 2: Bill read third time: Patents Bill, committee stage: adjourned. Hottles on Northern Ireland Order on housins finance agreed to. House adjourned 8:35 pm. Wednesday, March 16: knport of Live Fist (Scotland; Bill read third time. Debated on Electromistics Transportation (Delivery Warrents) Bill read third time. Debated on the letting motions agreed to. Motions on Social Security (Contributions) Tomarden Regulations and on Social Security (Contributions) (Consentinual Proportions) (Married Women and Widows) Amendment Regulations and on Social Security (Contributions) (Consentinual Proportions) Security (Confrientions) consequential Amendments penedinent presentations agreed to. The following Acts received the Reyal Assent: Consolidated Fund: Covent Carden Market (Financial Provisions); Afrenti and Shipbuilding Industries; Roc Doff (Close Seasons); and Anglen Water Authority, House adjourned 7.56 pm.

House of Commons
Today at 2.30: Redundancy Rebates
Bill, second reading. Nuclear Industry
(Finance) EEU, remaining stages.
Debate on EEU, remaining stages.
Or the steel industry
from the steel industry
Wednesday at 2.30: Debate on motion

no confidence in the Covernment.
Interstay at 2.30: Debate on Chalman
of Ways and Means Ruling Est
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forces 10 Motion Orders
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lary Organisations. 12.00 Jan. Chester: Temporrow: Expenditure: Social Services Exployment Subcommittee. Subject: The Job Creation Programme. Ultrasses: Merservide Local Automotive Voluntary Organisations & Sponsors of Projects. 111.00 am. Liverpool. Projects 11.00 am, Liverpool, Morseyside) 11.00 am, Liverpool, Morseyside) Expendituro: Trade & Industry Subcommittee, Subject: Public Expenditure White Paper, Export Credit Finance. Witnesses: Officials from the ECGD: The Committee Subcommittee Comportion of Celevring Pantyres. 1011ctals from the Comportion of Celevring Pantyres. 1011ctals from the Comportion witnesses: Chairman, BSC, and non-Executive Directors. 101.40 am, 81, Expenditure: Defence & External Affairs Subcommittee. Subject: Progress inwards implementation of the Final Act of the Conference on Security & Conservation in Europe, Witness: Mr A. Shonfield, Director of the Royal Institute of National Affairs. (11.50 am, 71, Incorposed Bills: Sprewsburry & Albuman of Prinkwell Footbrees Bills. Sprewsburry & Albuman of Trade policy and and policy. Wincases: FCO. (1.55 ptd. 6).

Select Committees

In 1948 he became Conserva-rive candidate for Dudley and Viscount Cobham, KG, FC, GCMG, GCVO, TD, who died yesterday at the age of 67 was Stourbridge, but he relinquished Governor-General of New this assignment on the death of Zealand from 1957 to 1962. His his father in the following year. warm friendliness and gaiety endeared him to people of all

The choice of a civilian as Zealand was a departure from precedent, for he succeeded a sport to classical music and long line of service officers. He amply justified his appointment. knowledge of both. He hated shoddiness and the second rate for he proved to be perhaps the in all things. He was a devoted worcestershire man, and had great pride in Hagley, his home there was a devoted the country had ever had. He endeared himself to New Zaelanden. Zealanders not only by his words but by his deeds and his example. He quickly identified himself with the country's there.

Charles John Lyttelton, 10th Viscount Cobham, was born on August 8, 1909, the only son of the 9th Viscount, whom he succeeded in 1949. He was educated at Eton and Trinity Colproblems and aspirations with obvious but unaffected sincerity. He was a first class mixer and

lege, Cambridge, where he took an honours degree in law. He a witty raconteur. Very soon after his arrival it left Cambridge with the repu-tation of having a first-class brain and also of being a great all-round sportsman. In addition to his prowess as a cricketer, he was one of the longest hitters became plain to New Zealanders that he had his own distinctive concept of what a Governor-General should be, and he achieved a remarkable revival of the office. In addition to fulfilling admirably the the game of golf has ever pro-duced, and he was a fine shot as well. constitutional and ceremonial duties of the post, he exerted a widespread influence. He moved among the people and made friends with them. He quickly made his mark as a public speaker of the highest order, and New Zealanders looked forward to each occasion

regarded as the most progressively minded president the MCC had ever had. The Lyttelton family had been closely associated with New Zealand for many years. His grandfather had bought estates on which he was to speak. His speeches soon began to command front page leads in the newspapers and to be broad-cast on national relays. He was there and had taken a large part in financing the town of Christbesieged with invitations to give addresses on the widest possible church—Lyttelton, its port, was named after him in 1850. variety of subjects and he in 1967.
sccepted the burden cheerfully. Lord Cobham was Lord Cobham was given an oppor-tunity to become acquainted with the country in which he was to make such an outstanding reputation as Governor-General-when, in 1935, he went to New Zealand as vice-captain of the dous industry in a very full and busy life. They were inspired by a compelling sanity MCC team.
In the Second World War he vast good humour, and were expressed with unusual felicity of language, and illusserved in France with the 53rd anti-tank battery, RA, and later he commanded the 5th Maritime Regiment, RA, a unit which provided gun defences for

Former Governor-General of New Zealand the profits, which ran into five figures, to assist the establishment of the Outward Bound School at Marlborough Sounds. His abiding interest in cricket continued, and when, to the delight of the spectators, he hit two sixes in the match his eleven played against the tour-ing MCC team at Auckland in 1961, it was perhaps the apogee of his career as Governor

General His departure, after five highly successful years, aroused highly successful years, aroused considerable emotional feeling, and the people of Wellington gave a remarkable demonstration of their affection as he and his family drove to the airport on their way home.

On his return to England he quickly became engaged in a variety of business activities as chairman and director of a number of boards.

He was a strong supporter.

He was a strong supporter, of youth organizations, and he took a particular interest in the Outward Bound Trust, of which he became president in 1964. He had forthright views on the education of youth in the broadest sense. While in New Zealand he had devoted much of his attention to youth and by his wise counsel he gained their respect to a remarkable

degree.

He was created GCMG in 1957 and made a Knight of the Garter in 1964. He was Lord Lieutenant of the county of Worcestershire from 1964 and was honorary colonel of the Queens Own Warwickshire and Wordestershire Yeomanry. He was made a Privy Councillor

He prepared his speeches Steward to the Queen's House-meticulously himself with what must have demanded tremen made a GCVO in 1972. From made a GCVO in 1972, From 1964 to 1975 he was president of the Royal National Institute for the Blind. He married, in 1942, Eliza-beth, daughter of J. R. Makeig-Jones, CBE, Indian Civil Scr-

trated with a wealth of apt tr

Although considered medi-cally unfit for the armed forces

in the war, he first gained a civilian post with the Admiralry and eventually, through can-vassing, became a Lieutenant

RNVR, serving as an intelli-gence officer. He spent part of

his wartime work with the Admiralty as a coastwatcher on the island of Mull, which, he recalled had the advantages of

plentiful scope for bird watching and possession of the only

MR SETON GORDON

Mr Seton Gordon, CBE, FZS, them extremely well, and he who died on March 19 at the knew too all the history behind age of 90, devoted the whole of his life to the Highlands of

For many years he was untiring in encouraging pipers throughout Scotland to take part in the Highland games. He wrote to many of them to sugevery way he could.

The Decision one of the base gest in his gentle way fast they known of Highlandmen and was everywhere respected for his great knowledge of the natural the games and also came south the great knowledge of the natural the games and also came south the games. to attend the annual competitions of the Scottish Piping Society of London.

As a writer in his own field

of which he wrote more than 25 over the years, always read well and had a ready sale, not he was unforced, sensitive, knowledgeable. His Highways and Byways volumes about the central and western Highlands remain first-class guide books. only in Scotland but in England and overseas. He had three main interests lands, the traditions and legends of the clans, and the His many books on the golden

land dress (which indeed he wore in London), with an old knitted woollen bonnet that looked as if it had been picked up on some ancient battlefield, them as he grew stronger and watching to the permit twent into the hills of Deepide. Even in his last years his outBirds of the Loch and Mooning put of writings was seemingly tain, the first of his books; was undiminished. Highland Days, published before he went to published in 1963, was as successful as a rest of the predeces. and shiny with age.

tain, the first of his books! was

Many of his friends will republished before he went to member him playing the pipes Oxford, where he gained his in his old age. He knew very degree in Natural Science and many pibeachs could play his golfing "blue".

Dissatisfied with the direction

Closer links with communist countries also involved him in

criticism of other African states.

who regarded the communist

presence in the continent as

subversive and relations with neighbouring Zaire were severely strained for a time. Ngouabi was implacable in his

opposition to the United States

when she was 75 and the school

value in Buenos Aires, her

wish was to secure it for future

generations. She founded an

Argentine trust Northlands Asociación Civil de Bene-

more years to serve the people of Argentina and the needs of

the foreign community resident

there. This act of generosity

and faith was not only suitably

In London she lived modestly

husband in 1921.

telephone on that island. After the war be went with the Oxford University Spitz-bergen Expedition, entered piping compensions, photographed birds in the Cairngorms, studied forestry in Russia and Western Europe, legends of the clans, and the eagle—leading up to the one pipes, especially the pibrock or as. the Gaels call at the class mor, the big music, the class lical tunes that have been leading up to the one and settled down to a career as a professional writer. Eagle, King of Birds—bring to In 1915 he married Evelyn gether everything that can be Audrey, daughter of Howard known about the life and ways Pease, of Otterburn. Northum-

ical tunes that have been sanded down, many of them, for hundreds of years.

Even when approaching the eighties he would still go for Highland line.

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Seton Gordon was born on the Betty, the daughter of Mr and the Cairngorm hills or in Skye April 11, 1886, in Aberdeen widow of Colonel R. Badger of where he lived for so many shire, the son of William Gor-Biddlesden: Park, Brackley, years. He wrote many articles don, i.I.D, OBE, Advocate.

An only child who cauld not the varied pattern of his He was easily recognized: on the set of Scotland's Person of Otterburn, Northum-boraton, Northum-bora An only child who could not The varied pattern of his go to school because of ill life was further enlarged during health, he was taught by a chior. The 'Second World War when By the time he was 15 he was among other activities, he flew writing articles about birds round some remote R F from the studies he made of stations, giving lectures on hid at them as he grow stronger and

cessful as any of its predecessors, and was succeeded by Highland Summer in 1971.

CARLOS PACE Carlos Pace, the Brazilian

racing driver who was killed in a flying accident near Sao age of 38, came to power in of Massemba-Debat's policy of 32, had been a member of Paulo on March 18, at the age the Brabham team since the middle of 1974. Prior to that he had driven for John Surtees. He had quickly demonstrated his potential and in January 1975 he received a hero's welcome when he won the Brazilian Grand Prix at Interlagos, just a few miles from where he was born. But further victories proved elusive, and he was not destined to win another grand prix. Last year a change from

Ford to Alfa-Romeo engines gave the Brabham team a difficult season, and Pace's performances were not notable. But this year with the Brabham-Alfa Romeo proving to be a highly competitive car Pace led both the Argentine and Brazilian Grands Prix in January in impressive style, eventually taking second place in the latter event. He held joint fifth place in this year's world championship with his fellow countryman and lifelong friend Emerson Fittipaldi.

On his day he was one of the most spectacular of grand prix drivers, and even when plagued with mechanical problems he frequently showed flashes of brilliance which, given time, might well have taken him to a world title. He is survived by a widow and a daughter.

MISS JULIA MARK Miss Julia Mark, the actress.

who was well known to radio

listeners as Norah, the Irish barmaid in BBC Radio 4's The Archers, has died in hospital at the age of 49. Miss Mark, who was born in Ayr, Scotland, joined The Archers in 1966 though she had featured in episodes before that as a Scot-tish friend of Carol Archer, A widow, she was married to Mr Alan Rees, a former Head of Programmes for the BBC's Midland Region. He died in 1975. She was the mother of two children.

Science report

MEDICAL
MEDICAL
AIR COMMODORE: J. E. Malcolm to
be Honorary Physician to her Majesty
the Queen, Feb 12, 177.

Medicine: A new lethal virus ing. The available figures from

he cause of two mysterious epiemics in Sudan and Zaire in the econd half of last year in which 50 people died and two hospitals vere brought to a standstill has seen identified as yet another higher to unknown tropical virus, taued Fbola virus. It joins a roving list of fatal haemorrhagic ever viruses found in Africa, of which Lassa there and Morburg. vitch Lassa fever and Marburg lisease (the so-called green mon-ey disease) are the most

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Africa to laboratories in the United States and Britain. Three By Nature-Times News Service recent papers in the Lancet show.

Sudan and Zaire suggest that Ebola may be even more lethal than Lassa fever or Marburg disease. Well over 500 people fell ill and at least 350 died. It seems to be highly infectious and spread rapidly to medical and nursing staff. In one hospital in Sudan, of staff. In one hospital in Sudan, of the source of the virus is still the source of the virus and the virus are source of the virus ar lar symptoms it causes, looks comied.

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The virus has been identified and States and the United Kingdom are described in specimens flown from now in the field searching for a possible animal reservoir.

that it closely resembles that of 573; 1977).

Marburg disease, putting those two viruses into a class completely different from that of Lassa fever which, despite the somewhat simi-Source: Lancet (1, 569, 571 and

four points to three.—Reuter and AP. Parliamentary diary. House of Commons

Parliamentary notices

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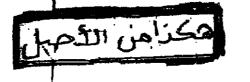
Stock Exchange Prices

Capitalization and week's change

Account Days: Dealings Began, March 14. Dealings End, March 25. § Contango Day, March 28. Settlement Day, April 5 § Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.



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Commonwealth team urges fundamental changes in IMF's lending policies

By Melvyn Westlake Economics Staff

far-reaching reform of the International Monetary Fund since it was set up in the middle 1940s is recommended in a still confidencial report drawn up by an international team of experts. They say that the IMF should have the capability to lend much more money, for longer periods and on more flexible

Their report is the result of two years work by a 10-man government at their last meeting in Kingston, Jamaica, after the celebrated "commodicies rhe celebrated initiative" taken at the meet-ing by Mr Wilson, then Prime

Under their chairman Mr Adister McIntyre, secretary general of the Caribbean Community, the "the ten wise men" as they have been been "Ten Wise Men". called, put the final touches to

will be one of the key items balance of payments deficit, on the agenda of the next meeting, which is to be attended at Lancaster House in lune by nearly three dozen Commonwealth presidents and prime ministers.

The experts, who include representatives of both rich and poor countries, were asked to suggest practical ways of reducing the economic gap be-tween the world's wealthy northern states and their poor southern neighbours.

Their setting up emerged as order, and those who wanted more minor changes to world aid and monerary affairs. Britain is represented by Mr Sydney Golt, a former deputy secretary of the Board

Hattersley

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There are growing anxieties

some quarters of Whitehall

nission proposed by Mr

that the strengthened Price

Hattersley, Secretary of State

tection could undermine the role of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and the

Concern is being expressed that an extension of the Price

Commission's powers of investi-gation into the effects of pricing

practices and their impact on

industries and services, will con-

existing agencies undertaking

The problem centres largely on the role of the Monopolies

Commission as well as the work of the Office of Fair Trading.

which have statutory duties in ramining trade practices, pricing behaviour, monopoly

It is not without significance

that Mr Gordon Borrie, Director-

Ceneral of Fair Trading, has

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investigate restrictive trade

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At the same time there are loubts within his office that duplication with an enhanced

Price Commission can be

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OFT's independent influence in promoting fair competition and dealing with doubtful corporate

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Mr Hattersley is believed to reject suggestions that his deas for remodelling the Price

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By Our Industrial Editor



IMF lending policies are advotheir findings last week.

The survey will be circulated to Commonwealth governments over the next two weeks. It will be seen a developing to country's borrowings should be related to the magnitude of its

> A significant easing is proposed in the financial condi-tions the IMF attaches to loans. It is felt that Fund economists have a standard recipe which they apply when making loans. This recipe includes evaluation and public spending cuts, and is applied to all bor-rowers from the United Kingdom to Zaire, regardless of individual circumstances.

The experts believe that the a compromise between those IMF should become more like radical leaders who wanted a an international central bank new international economic They accept that borrowers must accept some financial discipline; but they think that financial conditions should be these countries grew at 6 per more appropriate to the needs cent a year and the industria-

By Maurice Corina

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federation are expected to be announced shortly.

The most

The most dramatic feature

will be a scheme for amalgama-

ting the powerful Cooperative

Wholesale Society with the British Co-operative Union, which is the existing national organization for 200 retail

societies, with sales exceeding

For nearly two years a special merger team has been

investigating both the desir-ability of a get-together and how it might be done "at the earliest practicable time".

What is expected to be

A document is due to be pre-sented to the annual Co-opera-

tive Congress, over the spring

Bank holiday, spelling out how

all the different interests in the

Co-op empire will be brought together as the next move in

national retail trade and restore

Savings rise

Proposals due soon

on Co-op federation

the role of the special drawing right (SDR) should be upgraded. The experts want to see SDR become the most important international reserve asset, with its allocation linked to development aid.
The SDR was first allocated

on an experimental basis through the IMF in the early 1970s. But it still plays a relatively minor role in the settlement of international debts compared to dollars and gold.
Also, the report says that those countries with balance of those countries with balance of payments surpluses, like West Germany, Japan and some oil exporting nations, should do more to help the poorest nations. This they should do in two ways, directly by giving more foreign aid and indirectly by importing more and stimulating the world economy.

Many of the recommendations in the report, like those for increasing the volume of lending through the IMF, bear some resemblance to ideas which are known to be under discussion at various diplo-matic levels in the main capitals of Europe and North America.

The whole issue of the Third World's deteriorating trade position and international indebtedness has been given a fresh urgency by a new United Nations analysis of the future of the world economy.

of the world economy.

This suggests that the trade imbalance of the non-oil exporting developing countries will reach huge totals in the later years of this century. Even at 1970 relative prices, the potential balance of payments deficit of these countries. an international central bank, ments deficit of these countries accept that borrowers tries would be \$190,000m by

more appropriate to the needs of the borrowing country.

Much of the money available at historical rates, there would to developing countries is not be no reduction in the gap drawn because of the unpopubetween rich and poor states.

co-operative societies towards

surrendering too much power to the CWS, which is wholesaler,

banker, insurer, and manu-facturer to the movement.

The autonomous retail socie-ties own and elect the board

of the CWS, which has a strong managerial team with delegated

powers, but they also belong (as does the CWS) to the Co-op Union, a historic national and

regional organization which provides advisory services and coordinates many activities, besides engaging in policies and educational matters.

resentation on its governing

growth to its mamufacturing and Proposals for simplifying the other operations, complex structure of the Co-

> pattern of very rapid penetra-tion of the United States market by Japanese television fully reflected here early this month.

Trade Commis Trade Commission recommended that President Carter inpose additional tariffs on Japanese-made consumer electronic goods to protect the domestic industry.

What is expected to be announced perhaps this week is a structure for implementing such a fundamental reform, ending fragmentation in trailing and other accounts. Both Sony and Matsushita are pledged to export a cousiderable amount of their British production and draw not less than 50 per cent of their component supply needs from British sources. Bur Lord Thorneycroft says that the board. Lay co-operators who are not employees or managers have long felt remote from the centres of power, and some top managers have been over-stretched by service on both union and CWS committees. industry is under " no illusion " that the Hitachi plan is to link its production to a newly-opened tube plant in Finland which "represents a major threat to tube manufacture in

Alarm at Hitachi plan for British TV factory

manufacturers alarmed by the prospect of a third Japanese company, Hitachi, being allowed to set up a television assembly plant in Britain.

plants in South Wales.
Lord Thorneycroft, chairman of the Radio Industry Council, has written to Mr. Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, telling him of "the immense concern" within the domestic industry and accuration of the immense concern. industry, and requesting a meeting with the Secretary of State before the Government decides whether to approve the project. Hitachi executives were unwilling to comment on their plans over the weekend, except to say that they were only in

an early stage.

At the weekend the Deparament of Industry said Lord Thorneycroft's letter was "being considered".

It is thought that the Hitachi plan is to open a plant in the North-east, and industry sources suggest it would not be profit-able with an annual production of less than 200,000 receivers. if it were to be sited in an assistance area an industrial development certificate would not be needed; but the Bank of England would take advice from the Department of Industry before deciding whether to grant the exchange control per-mission needed by Hitachi be-fore the project can proceed. In his letter Lord Thorney-

croft says that to allow the Hitachi project to go forward "would have no other effect than to cause disruption in the industry, which is in one of the five sectors chosen by the Government for priority treat

its annual capacity of 2.4 mil-lion colour television receivers. and there is little prospect of any more than a marginal improvement in the next few

In both the colour and monochrome set sectors, he tells Mr Varley, "there is no requirewarrey, there is no require-ment whatsoever for an over-seas manufacturer to be intro-duced into the United King-dom.". He also points out widespread European concern that Britain has allowed Sony and Matsushita to set up plants

Already Sony and Matsushita (which sells under the National Panasonic brand name) have

for Economic Cooperation and Development. But British offi-

ment under its industria strategy programme". He says the British industry is already working at only between 50 and 60 per cent of

Lord Thorneycroft's letter says that because of pressure from British manufacturers for Japanese restraint, which is being backed by Whitehall, the manufacturers has not been

The United States Internal

Europe ".

the movement's increasing successful bid to raise its share of Party has to be secured under

by £144.7m

National Savings showed another large net inflow last month. During the four weeks ending February 26 the net increase was £144.7m, compared with £194.8m in the preceding five weeks.

After adding accrued interest, the total sum invested in National Savings increased by £171:2m in February. Most of the increase was

commission, with a new chairman and members, will weaken accounted for by the sale of National Savings Certificates, n industry—which likes to which produced a net inflow of £151.8m. Such certificates, now where it stands on monopoly and restrictive practices law—and in the corridors of Whitehall.

Which produce a return of f8.78 per cent free of tax, are particularly attractive

Freeze hit chemical profits

Leading chemical companies saw their performance badly undermined in 1975-76, according to a survey* published today. Average return on capital employed was cut by nearly half compared with the previous year, to a level of 10.8 per cent. . The report, which covers 60 eading companies in the in-

Total profits, according to the survey, were up by 80 per cent in 1974-75 but declined 40 per cent in the final year, when eight companies reported losses. Average profit margins decreased by 42 per cent to 6 per cent and the average return on capital employed fell

Chemical Manufacturers, ICC Business Ratios, price £36.

Whitehall modifies hard line on monetary indexing

Inflation accounting shift

A significant shift has taken

place in Whitehall thinking on inflation accounting. This has considerably improved the chances of some allowances being made in company accounts to cover the changing value of monetary items.

Hitherto the Government has

been implaccably opposed to the concept of adjustments in profit and loss accounts for modetary items, largely on the ground that once the principle of indexing money had been established it would open the way to indexing other things including Government debt. The Government's position has come through particularly forcibly in a working party which has been set up by the Morpeth Committee on inflation accounting to look into the particular problems faced by

Radical disagreement has developed within the com-

accountants and Whitehall officials have pointed to a change in the Government's hard line. No full reassessment of the Government's view on inflation accounting has taken place since the publication of the exposure

last December; so at this stage it is not clear how far thinking has come round in favour of monetary adjustments. But the arguments pur forward both by accountants and the banks have led to a much botter disposed view.

draft by the Morpeth Committee

There is still a lot of uncertainty about how, in practice, adjustments should best be made for monetary items. The Government is expected to stand firm on its opposition to the suggestion that a special case mittee between the four bank should be made for banks to tion along these lines.

favour monetary adjustments, and Mr Michael Thornton, the Bank of England representative, who is opposed.

But recent discussions between the suggestion raised by tants is the suggestion raised by stockbroker Mr Martin Gibbs. stockbroker Mr Martin Gibbs. This broadly proposes that adjustments against profit should be made for working capital as a whole, not just stocks as proposed by both the Sandilands and Morpeth Committees.

The effect of this would be bring debtors and creditors into the equation. The banks problems, too, could be resolved this way since their monetary assets—cash and short-term

assets—cash and short-term loans—and their Habilities—essentially short-term deposits—could be regarded as debuss

and creditors.

The English Institute of Chartered Accountants, which has already given its backing to the banks case for monetary adjustments, is expected to come out in favour of a solu-

£130m ship deal with Poland near

By Peter Hill Negotiations on a £130m ship-building deal between Britain and Poland have reached an advanced stage, and United Kingdom negotiators are ex-pected to submit their final offer to the Poles soon.

The proposals which emerged a week before Christmas last year when agreement in principle was reached between Mr Callaghan and Mr Piotr Jaroszewicz, the Polish Premier, have attracted world-wide attention. They have led to allegations (particularly from Norway) that Britain is breaking credit rules laid down by the Organization

Negotiations for the 22-ship deal have been extremely hard and the Poles are well aware of the importance of the order to the British Government and to

the suon to be nationalized United Kingdom shipbuilding industry, where the lack of orders is threatening thousands of jobs. Since December, three yards have been preparing the de-tailed specifications for the

bulk carriers involved in the deal. responsible for the design of the six 35,000-ton deadweight

cials have vehemently denied ships being sought by the Poles that the OECD credit rules are Swan Hunter for the six 10,000 ton vessels in the package, and the Scott Lithgow subsidiary, Ferguson Brothers, for the 10 4,400-ton ships.
Next week negotiators hope

to agree on the technical details and a final offer from the organizing committee for British Shipbuilders, the new state organization, will be made

Under the terms of the deal it is planned to form a joint company in Poland between the Polish state shipbuilding company, PZM, and British Shipbuilders.

PZM would guarantee to provide the charter income

Lucas, Vauxhall sign electric minibus deal

By Clifford Webb

Mass production of electric powered vehicles has moved much nearer with the signing of a deal between Lucas Industries and Vauxhall Motors, under which the American-owned group will begin limited production of an electric minibus at its Luton plant.

Mr Geoffrey Harding, gen-eral manager of Lucas's electric vehicles project, said at the weekend: "I regard this as which should see electric vehiabout three years' time." In Detroit last mouth it was demonstrated personally to the heads of the big four United States motor companies by Mr Bernard Scott, Lucas group

Mr Eliott "Pete" Estes, president of General Motors Vauxhall's parent company, Mr Roy Shapin (chairman of Ford, Mr Eugene Caffero (president of Chrysler), and Mr roy Shapin (chairman of American Motores) all insisted on trying the bus on their own

Opec increases

New York, March 20.

Despite an apparent deadlock, the Organization of Petroleum

Exporting Countries' dual price squabble is likely to end with

a settlement equivalent to a 7 to 8 per cent increase for the

year, Petroleum Intelligence Weekly reports. Some oil companies are tailor-

Recent denials by members

they will need a united front to

be able to raise prices in the

future, PIW says.

Petroleum Intelligence

at below 8 pc

expected to unify objection to

chairman.

It is based on Vauxball's Bedford CP van chassis and uses an advanced low friction tem developed by Lucas, giving it a range of between 70 and 140 miles on a single charge. With seating capacity for seven, it has a top speed of 55 mph and will accelerate fully loaded from 0 to 30 mph in 14

Mr Harding told Business which should see electric vehi- as we call the new vehicle, has cles in volume production in been designed for production on a standard assembly about three years' time."

on a standard assembly line. In
Interest in Lucas's bus is fact, it can be mixed with innot confined to Vauxhall alone.

ternal combustion vehicle production. No job will be foreign to existing assembly line workers." He said it would cost about one and a half times a petrol

powered equivalent, but running costs would be much cities of Britain well before based on a seven-year life would be about 8,500 miles a year. He said its range and capabilities made it suitable for 85 per cent of commercial transport requirements major cities.

Chamber airs

pricing powers

Government's proposals The memorandum says sur-

A memorandum has been sent by the London Chamber of

Commerce and Industry to the Department of Prices and Con-

sumer Protection attacking the

veys by the chamber show that

members are willing to accept

some form of price restraint as

the *quid pro quo* for pay re-straint. "However, the pro-posed switch from allowable

costs to a system of discretion-

ary powers is causing great con-

The new powers, says the chamber, would introduce fur-

ther administrative problems

and there appears to be no bar

controls to apply equally to both public and private sectors,

Contractors favour 16-amp plug By Kenneth Owen

Active support is being given by the Electrical Contractors' Association to proposals for an international standard 16-amp plug and socket.
In a statement on the plan

still to be examined in detail. From a safety point of view, the association says, existing European plugs are unaccept ably dangerous for use in the United Kingdom But the pro-

basically as safe as the design of the proposed 16-amp plug and socker." of the proposed and socket."

If it is decided that Britain will adopt the new design, the series of ought to be the final change".

Bonn poised for bigger role in world economy

With the views of the Carter Administration in the United States still very much undo-fined, West Germany appears to be gearing itself to play a more active role than hitherto in forming international economic and monetary policies.

At the forthcoming meeting of the International Monetary Fund's interim committee in Washington at the end of April and the Downing Street economic summic early in May, West Germany can be expected to put forward ideas amounting to a distinct "foreign policy" of its own in economic and monetary affairs.

It would appear that at last Germany is to use its position as Europe's strongest economic power to act rather than merely eact in the debate about future world economy. Specifically, West Germany will throw its weight behind plans to create a new "facility" at the international monetary fund to positional monetary fund to positional descriptions countries. trial and developing countries in need that have exhausted

their existing credit lines. It would like to see the oilrich Arab nations brought more into the activities and respon-sibilities of the IMF, possibly through a further inc. ise in their quotas.

Also Dr Hans Apel Germany's Finance Minister, has indicated that his Government would support a capital increase at the World Bank

This more positive approach can be partly explained by fears that certain currents in international economic thinking such as the Third World proposais for a universal commo-dities stabilization fund or the continuing pressure on Germany to reflate its domestic economy could be of direct harm to the German economy.

Alongside the defensive stance is the confidence burn of the success at home of domestic stabilization policiopening the way for a programme of moderate inflation-

For while there are still 1.2 million people unemployed in Germany (it is argued for structural rather than cyclical reasons), there is little doubt that Germany has come out of the association says the proposed plug and socket would be basically safer than most in use in the United Kingdom at present; but the economics of introducing the new design have the recession in a better st,:2 apocalyptic vision of future world economic trends.

Like other Western nacions, Germany sees problems arising from the divergence of economic performance among the industrialized states into rich and poor and in the per-sistence of balance of payments deficits in certain Western

Countries.
The differences lie in that the Germans do not believe the first problem can be brought nearer solution through a further their

Peter Norman

THE NATIONAL MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 147th Annual General Meeting of the Society will be beld at 5 Bow Charchyard (off Cheapside) in the City of London on Tuesday, the 19th day of April, 1977, at noon for the following purposes:

Society.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following resolution will be proposed the above meeting as a Special Resolution:

That the Society's Articles of Association be altered as follows:—

I. In Article 5 by deleting the figure "£10,000" and substituting the figure "£100,000". 2. In Article 6:-

(ii) by substituting for the word "seven" the word "fourteen"
(ii) by deleting all the words which follow the words "Article 79
bereof," and substituting the following words: "and no
member or other person (except the Auditors) shall be switted
to receive notice of General Meetings. Notice of every General
Meeting shall be given so the Auditors in any manner
authorised by Article 76".

exceeding £12,000, eleven voices
In respect of a policy or policies exceeding £12,000 but not
exceeding £16,000, twelve voics
In respect of a policy or policies exceeding £16,000 but not
exceeding £20,000, thirteen voics
In respect of a policy or policies exceeding £20,000 but not
exceeding £24,000, fourtiesn voics
In respect of a policy or policies exceeding £24,000, fifteen
voics,"

In Article 31(b) by inserting immediately after the word "if" the words "without the approval of the Directors".
 In Article 34(a) by deleting the words "but not exceeding £2,000 per annum" and substituting the words "and approved by the Society in General Meeting".
 In Article 37 by deleting the words "but not enceding £2,000 per annum and £1,000 per annum respectively" and substituting the words "and approved by the Society in General Meeting".
 In Article 34(a) by deleting the word "thirty" and substituting the word "stay".

Big Italian property group facing crisis of confidence ments the - Communist-Social-

Rome, March 20

There are doubts about the uture of Societa Generale 1mnobiliare, Italy's big interrational property company, allowing the Cooperative ollowing the Cooperative ov Signor Glulio Andreotti, the rime Minister, to come to its

Burdened with debts and osses, the company is seeking resh capital through a rights sue which is open to existing archolders until Tuesday, but ill still be available to the negal public for a month and

In view of the company's ifficulties, however, the issue exclude the possibility of re-is little chance of success. organizing Generale Immo-On March 7 Signor Andreotti biliare, as "its failure would be lifficulties, bowever, the issue ias little chance of success. alled in the heads of the three big cooperative move- country".

the Republican—urging them to take a substantial shareholding but on Friday they jointly announced that the necessary political and economic conditions were lacking for them to consider acceptance. The cooperatives were attrac-

ted by the chances of using Generale Immobiliare to launch a drive for low-cost public housing, but wanted a com-plete break with the past and a thorough reorganization the Christian Democrat organiz-

a drama for the whole

ist, the Christian Democrat, and

Signor Enzio Badioli, head of ation, told a joint press con-ference he did not entirely

By Our Industrial

Correspondent

leading companies in the in-dustry over a three-year period to April last year, showed that while sales of the companies increased by 50 per cent over the period, the bulk of the growth occurred in the first half and grew by only 4 per cent in the second period.

to 10.8 per cent.

According to information ob-

tained from a minority of comaverage sales per employee rose by 41 per cent over the three-year period while average remuneration increased by 51 per cent and capital used per

ing their planning according to this approximate scenario, it

panies covered by the survey, employee rose by 20 per cent. * Business Ratio Report on

of Opec of any settlement are understood to be partly simed at "depressurizing" the situation and leaving negotiators a freer hand. The journal points out that reports from Iran say the Shah is ready to drop the dual 10 per cent increase to 8 per cent and thus lead the way back to unity. Price hawks readize too

to see unity restored for policy Hoteliers call for Budget incentive to help finance new building as tourism expands

By Derek Harris

Commercial Editor Britain's hoteliers fear that soaring construction costs and taxation problems will prevent taxation problems will prevent tion to helping hoteliers to managements from launching break out of this situation by new building projects to take advantage of the upturn in the industry's fortunes which began with last year's foreign tourist

A recent survey by the Hotels and Catering little Neddy estimated that to meet projected tourist and business demand an additional 65,000 would be needed by But combined site and con-

Caterers Association. The association has told Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Government could make a major contribucoming into line with the rest an bof the EEC by extending flow industrial building allowances Mr

to hotels. BHRCA has long argued for parity with manufacturing industry on the basis that an hotel is virtually as much a specialized industrial building as a factory. Hotels' spending on plant and machinery is already allowable for tax purroses.

no edditional public expenditure would be involved initially if the rates of initial end annua allowances were reduced by about 9 per cent. Such a concession would make a significant difference to

an hotel management's cash Mr Clive Derby, chief executive of BHRCA, said yesterday : The present tax treatment of hotels in this country is a glaring anomaly.
"It is extremely unlikely that the industry will be willing to

embark on anything like the programme indicated by the little Neddy' without a positive indication from the Govstruction costs of new buildings

If the concession to hotels make a reasonable return on were made in the forthcoming capital improbable at the Budget, the cost has been estimoment, according to the mated by the Government at moment, according to the mated by the Government at British Hotels Restaurants and around £25m in a full year. But magnatude can be undertaken.

If the concession to hotels ermment that it is prepared to Friday's Treasury Bill Tender:

Create the appropriate climate in which investment of this proving the concession to hotels are the results of Friday's Treasury Bill Tender:

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to the sort of information the Price Commission could call wor. Commenting on the proposed powers to investigate selected pcice rises, the chamber says that the need to introduce legis-lative powers to enforce the Although the contest seems lergely in the Gulf, Opec mem-bers of other regions would like findings is disputed. On nationalized industries the chamber calls for any price

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Prospectus:

Lending rate 10½ pc The Bank of England's minimum lending rate has been fixed at 10½ per cent, with the Bank acting independently of the market related formula. The

Mid-Sussex Water Company 20

posed new design would be acceptable. "Apart from a particular manufacturer's safety plug there are few, if any, plog and socket arrangements in use in the United Kingdom which are

stimulation of

147th Annual General Meeting Notice of Meeting

To receive and consider the Directors' Report, the Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1976 and the Auditors' Report thereon; To elect Directors; To appoint Auditors and to transact the other ordinary business of the

authorised by Aricle 76".

3. In Article 19(b) by deleting the words "In respect of a policy or policies exceeding £8,000, ten votes" and substituting the following:—
"In respect of a policy or policies exceeding £8,000 but not exceeding £10,000, ten votes
In respect of a policy or policies exceeding £10,000 but not exceeding £12,000, eleven votes
In respect of a policy or policies exceeding £10,000 but not exceeding £12,000, eleven votes

approved by the Society in General Meeting."

In Article 43(a) by deleting the word "thrity" and substituting the word "sixty"

In Article 45(b) by hearting immediately after the word "if" the words "without the approval of the Directors".

9. By inserting immediately after Article 54 the following new Article:—

"54A (a) The Directors may from time to time appoint one or more of their body to the office of Managing Director for such period and on such tenns as they think fit.

(b) A Director appointed to the office of Managing Director shall not, while holding that office, be subject to determination ipso facto if he cease from any cause to be a Director or (subject to the terms of any contract between him and the Society) if the Directors resolve that his term of office as Managing Director to determined.

(c) The remuneration of any Managing Director for his services as such may be of such description (whether by way of eafery, commission or participation in profits or partly in another) as the Directors shall determine.

(d) The Directors may entrust to and confer upon a Managing Director any of the powers exercisable by them as Directors spon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as they think fit, and either collatorally with or to the exclusion of their own powers, and may from time to time revoke, with the words "or otherwise relates to"

10. In Article 66(b) by inserting immediately after the words "discharge of "the words "or otherwise relates to"

11. By adding at the end of Article 71 the words "The Directors may from time to time send a shortened version or summary in such form as they think fit of the said documents or any of them to members and other persons not emitted to have sent to them copies of the balance sheet."

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that subject to the passing of the abovementioned Special Resolution the following Resolution will be proposed:—

"That the Directors' restrumention, and the additional repuneration of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman be continued at the pre

13th March, 1977 A member qualified to vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on a poll instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Society,

Testing the market with a gilt-edged novelty

When someone offers you a novelty in the financial world, you can react in two ways. Either you take the view that whoever set the particular novelty before you would have done so only if they were cer-tain, or as certain as they could be, that it was a real bargain. Or you instinctively recoil from the offer, on the assumption that there must be a trick to it

It is, then, going to be fascinating to see just how the market responds this week to the Bank's application of the part-paid mechanism to its latest £800m gilt offer.

The case for taking the suspicious view is quite simply that—whether intended or not the offer could turn out to be a trap. The basis for such a view is that the authorities, with the incomes policy bartle at its height, will find themselves up against rather more difficult funding conditions in the late spring, and that they are merely laying a bait while the fish is in the mood to bite.

Naturally the authorities play down this argument. They prefer to see the exercise as une of restoring a degree of influence over long-term yields while minimizing the squeeze on money supply—the new stock bringing in only £120m before the end of the present financial year. They would, moreover, presumably add that this aim is made all the more visible by the fact that they are actively trying to discourage overseas interests in the new

But that in itself is unlikely to convince the sceptics. For the counter-argument must be that, in the right conditions (and the conditions on Thursday are anyone's guess at the moment), the offer will merely succeed in drawing back much of the speculative money that had recently been eased out of the market. And there is of course no reason why overseas buyers should not punt in the stock for short-term capital gain though it is true that foreigners tend to treat novelties with suspicion, at least first time round.

The main question, however, for most institutions (apart from any problems individual funds may have in earmarking commitments for the next quar-ter at this stage) is the basic issue of whether now is the right time to be committing new money anyway.

undershooting and inflation, after the spring hump, should be falling nicely. Interest rates term money have been attractoo should have further to fall, ting, in some cases, a dispro-though how far depends on portionate quantity of building though how far depends on one's view of the timing of an upture in overseas rates, and whether one believes (see Greenwell's latest Monetary Bulletin) that unchanged monetary and foreign exchange poli-cies can only lead us into deeper

Over the short term, however, the course of the incomes policy debate must be taken as a potential source of anxiety for financial markets-regardless of the monetary restraints in which now, in the expectation of an any policy will presumably have inflow of funds over the next to work. The foreign exchange marker is already talking of the possibility of a temporary reaction in sterling—which they argue that the authorities would not choose to prevent. And it is not difficult to see what might happen to sentiment if this was accompanied by, say, poor trade figures or evidence that the for the sake of a high return. to sell since Borthwisexceptional factors recently But there isn't a political point be able to persuade depressing bank lending had to be made. The building socie- with a higher offer.



Mr David Darbishire, chairman of FMC: parties meet to talk

been appreciably greater than realized. All that said, the major short-term consideration is obviously going to be Wednesday's vote of confidence. The morning after can hardly fail to be interesting.

Building societies Investment

tactics

I gather there is some grinding teeth in the treasurers departments of certain local put everyone out of its misery authorities, at the discovery last week by picking up the odd that the Public Works Loans 2 to 3 per cent of FMC to give Board quota finance which they rejected last autumn, cannot now be taken up. At that time had to raise its bid to the the rate at which it was available compared unfavourably during the period and that with the terms at which money could have meant stumping up with the terms at which money was offered in the market. But changed. Local authorities have been forced into the market recently by the banks' attempts to shed local authority lending to ease their "corset" conto ease their "corset" con-straints. Both this and moves to reschedule some of the for-midable burden of short term local authority debt have kept rates high, particularly at the longer end. So PWLB money is now a more attractive alterna-

still that the medium-term prospects for gilts remain favouring fortunes of the building societies will work in favour of authorities. For the high rates which local authori-ties are still offering on longer

> To some extent this is merely a reversal of the situaation ruling in the last quarter of last year, when the yield curve was so flat that the building societies were keeping their liquid funds in short term instruments for preference. But to some extent, also, the flow into two to three-year term investments reflects a desire to take advantage of high rates inflow of funds over the next two months which will permit the restoration of a more normal balance between long

and shorter-term investments. Building societies, of course, are sensitive to the imputation that they are tying up any part of their recently restored in-flow in long-term investments

7½ per cent of their funds in liquid form, which in practice means at least 10 per cent.

Term deposits, as well as temporary money with the local authorities, may count towards that 71 per cent—provided the money is lent with a six month "stress" clause, under which the building societies may claim it back if they can plead necessity, once six months have

In practice this stress clause is a dead letter, so that "liquid" as applied to such term investments means not so very liquid after all. But then "liquid" as applied to the 71 per cent statutory liquidity requirement is not so very liquid, either. Any society in need of those funds would automatically be in a state of stress and out of business.

Borthwick/FMC

Negotiating with the trust

Thomas Borthwick's plan to go over the head of the NFU Development Trust to small shareholders in FMC is proving an empty promise. Pushed into a corner last week by the Trust when it snapped up another 5 per cent or so of FMC shares to take its holding up to nearly 48 per cent, Borthwick knows full well that the only way it can win is to the only way it. can win is to reach some sort of agreement with the Trust Which explains why the parties are meeting again this week to try to see if there is any com-

One question that needs to be answered is why the Trust didn't could have meant stumping up film plus, assuming it could have won through, say, at the market price of 114p. Its failure to do so, however, makes me wonder how far it can up the ante against Borthwick.

The NFU Trust began life in 1954 as the Fatstock Marketing Corporation and eight years later spun off its trading activi-ties in the shape of the FMC we know today, retaining a 35 per cent investment stake in FMC at the time.

The Trust is in practice a company limited by guarantee with clearly defined objectives: to promote the interests of farmers who produce livestock. Its only real source of income is the dividends on its FMC holding, and though until last return on the cost of its investment was reasonably good, most of its income in the past few years has been used to raise its FMC holding.

With no other sizable source of income, there obviously comes a time when FMC dividends of only 3.85p a share gross, producing a yield of only 31 per cent at 114p, must be weighed against the 14-15 per cent cost of borrowed money. And even though its financial advisers reckon its borrowing facilities are adequate, it has already had to borrow to fund part of the 97p offer and may be unwilling or unable to go any farther.

The market is taking that line, at any rate, but shareholders need be in no hurry to sell since Borthwick may yet be able to persuade the Trust

Hugh Stephenson

The U-turns which disrupt the flow of commercial traffic

We are starting a week that could force a general election and in due course produce a government of one party or another claiming that it had 'a new mandate" to do X, Y and Z. It would be helpful if, in the economic and industrial field at least, commitments that whole aspects of the existing order would be subject to root and branch reform within the lifetime of the next Parliament could

e kept to a reasonable minimum. For the fact is that under the combined effects of inflation, continued deep recession, several years of voluntary and then involuntary controls on prices and pay, and after a year when the pound devalued almost daily, industry and commerce in both the public and the private sector need as much as possible of an unexciting regime, without unnecessary shocks or disquieting changes, so that they may come through convalescence with a sense of confidence restored.

Our general system seems positively to delight in forcing through U-turns of policy. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the policies designed to deal with the intransigent problems of high unemployment in the traditional industrial areas.
For example, an area like Mersey.

side now has to come to terms with the latest job losses because of the the latest job losses because of the closures at Plessey. Coming on top of other well-publicized cutbacks in the area, the Plessey problems are having a disproportionately large impact. Yet Merseyside, like other development areas, has just seen the Government cut without warning the regional employment premium, which was specifically designed to encourage employers of labour to establish employers

themselves in such areas. REP has had its critics as well as its

supporters. It lacks discrimination. It is a non-productive subsidy. Many of those involved consider that equivalent sums spent on, say, building advanced factories would have produced more jobs. But the withdrawal of the premium without warning must upset the cash flow projects of companies

Worse, it can only undermine the credibility and therefore the effective-ness of all other inducements to invest in development areas. If REP can be cut off thus, so could anything else. The decision about a new investment is made on a time-scale longer than that in which most politicians operate. At the very least the system should

be made to operate so that major legislative and fiscal changes carry with them adjustment periods within which rational industrial and commercial adjustments can be made.

This is only one of the juddering Uturns of central policy about the

fashion from demolition and clearance

to rehabilitation of our decaying city There is the sudden conclusion that -providing homes and jobs in new towns on greenfield sites may be less effec-tive and more expensive than uying to

create jobs where the unemployment already exists and the investment in the infrastructure is already in being.

There is the dawning realization that areas with high vulnerability to cyclical unemployment in traditional manufacturing industry need more companyed. unemployment in traditional manufac-turing ladustry need more commercial and office jobs. In contrast traditional policy has tried to attract equally vulnerable manufacturing and capital-intensive investment to such areas. But, if policy changes are to be made in these directions they should come in such a way that industry and commerce believe them to be perma-nent not temporary, and can respond

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Is the pace of modern life too hot for the small shopkeeper?

Twenty years ago, a high street was not a high street without its family butcher, baker and grocer, its cheery cobbler, friendly chemist and magic sweetshop where the owner, if she was in a good mood, could usually be relied on to pop in an extra bulls-eye or pear drop when pocket money was running

Yet even Napoleon, at his most caustic, would be hard put to call us "a nation of shop-keepers" today.

Since the start of the sixties small grocers have dwindled by about a third, while indepen-dent shoemenders are down by over half: from 11,000 to just below 5,000. Tobacconists, confectioners and newsagents are disappearing at the rate of 1,000 a year. Some 5,000 butchers (more than one in six) have vanished since 1971.

Corner street greengrocers are going the same way, with a loss of over 2,250 during the past four years. Fish 'n chip shops are a shadow of their for-mer numbers and, with fish and potatoes at current prices, a dire question mark must be hanging over the remaining 10,000. Even chemists have been closing at an average rate of 300 a year for the last decade -leaving a total of under

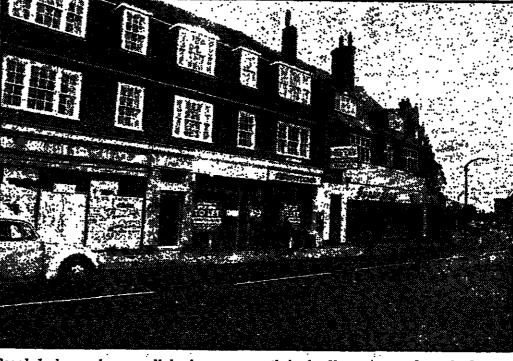
Indeed, the only stalwarts to be bucking the trend are master bakers whose association recorded a 1½ per cent increase in 1975.

Some decline in the fortunes of small shopkeepers was probably inevitable, given the social changes in life style, the "big is best" syndrome that has dominated business thinking and the greater professionalism that has come into retailing forcing out the band of often delightful but happy-go-lucky amateurs, who invested in a small shop more as a pleasant retirement occupation than as a enuine commercial career.

While many small traders may be unwilling to accept it, the reality is that, despite their drawbacks, the advent of the supermarket—and more cently the hypermarket—is partly a response to new consumer priorities. The buying public has willingly sacrificed service for price, personal attention for the time-saving of self-selection and the convenience of the local shop for the greater convenience of buy-

the greater convenience of buy-ing everything under one roof. Delivery, which traditionally was part of the service housewas part of the service house-wives gratefully paid for, today rates less highly as more families have become car owners. And the cheerful chat over the counter, which added so much to the pleasanmess of shopping, is a luxury which the increasing number of working wives no longer have the time

Furthermore, whereas once the great asset of the small owner-run shop was the choice



Boarded shops where small businesses once thrived adjacent to newly arrived supermarkets a sign of the time pictured here in a suburban high street near London.

special merchandize basic range of goods will be practically identical.

The consolidation of manufacturers and suppliers has probably contributed almost as much to the demise of small shops as the greater buying power of their larger rivals. What has undoubtedly helped the trend along has been the growing swing to convenience

With the spread of refrigera-

tors, not only did daily shopping cease to be a necessity but come the introduction of grandmothers forsook the habits of a lifetime, in gain of freedom from the kitchen chores. From there, it was only a short step to the greater acceptance of pre-packed goods; and with the multiples growing apace, the large firms cashed in on volume orders: squeezing out many of the smaller manufacturers / sup-pliers and accelerating the merger, take over stampede.

With fewer buying outlets, the small shop suddenly found itself competing directly with the giants and since despite efforts towards collaborative purchasing, it could not obtain the same bulk order discounts cost of stock came more expensive. A common moan among the independent grocers fraternity is that they can purchase the staples more cheaply at the cash and carry than through their normal supplier. And that, they swear darkly, has nothing to do with mere economies of scale!

The National Food and stocked, today the likelihood is that whether supermarket, multiple or corner shop, the up against is discriminatory pricing, by which they mean the whole gamut of unfair trading practices—with lavish perks offered and special one-off prices being agreed. What is needed, they urge, is an investigation into "the discount racket" with—at the end of the day—a new Fair Trading Act which makes it unlawful for suppliers to discriminate in price between different customers for like orders ing practices—with lavish perks mers for like orders.

> On March 29 we shall see whether the save our cities campaign is for real-or just window dressing

Allegations of unfair trading are not confined to the grocery business. The Retail Fruit Trade Federation comlains that their members are habitually short-changed on both quality and quantity and that until weight and grading regulations are imposed on growers/wholesalers, purchase of stock will remain a lottery— with the small greengrocer invariably getting a raw deal.

EEC intervention policies are another sore point, with the National Federation of Meat Traders bitterly maintaining that: "Membership of the EEC has resulted in the manipulation of the market in favour of the bigger boys". What particularly riles independent butchers are the concessions to large groups with the cold storage facilities to take meat off the marketenabling them to purchase on vastly more favourable terms.

A situation that Len Moss of the federation vigorously de-nounces as "subsidized specula-

Buying muscle apert, each group of small traders has its own special grievance. Tobacconists feel victimized, as in budget after budget the cost of smoking is pushed higher. Newsagents claim "the little man hasn't time to read everything he sells and that (as in Italy) publishers—not retailers—should be liable for the contents of sidily recent the tents of girlie magazines.

Fish fryers, butchers and greengrocers are all suffering from consumer resistance to (unavoidably) higher prices, the victims of affluence: a well-heeled society that casually threw away its shoes. However, as trade association St Crispin's joyfully reports, in recent months the trend has definitely been "back to the shoe-mender". Chemists, arguably the best organized of the small traders,

view the future with deepest foreboding. With every health centre that opens, an average of five chemists are forced to close: as a result of lost dis-pensing and other NHS revenue, which accounts for 60 per cent of turnover. At present, there are 630 centres. The target is 4,000 and if chemists continue to be annihilated, not only will the public lose a vital service but the pressure on doctors will greatly increase. In an attempt to stop the rot, the Pharmacists' Negotiating Committee is cam-paigning for a subsidy scheme and a system of planned dis-tribution, to prevent new chemists from leap-frogging into prime sites and forcing the

closure of existing shops. While health centres and beef prices have nothing in common. this mass extermination of small shops is hardly coinci-dence. Politicians may euphemistically call it development. Ken Peters, of the National Federation of Retail Newsagents, puts it more graphically.

"Whole areas of towns are being wrenched down, leaving in their wake a trail of small shops deprived of suitable premises and without the multiples and trendy bounques for the new plush sites in the high street."

When the crunch comes

some close down; others bravely strike up in a side street but, once cut off from the mainstream, passing trade dwindles and turnover slumps. It is not just the astronomic rents in the new shopping parades or the fact that there are never enough small units in less traders, often the rumour of compulsory purchase orders is sufficient to cause planning blight. Decaying inner cities can stem as much from fear of developers as the actual damage The economics of running a small grocer or chemist are now

so hazardous that even a minor extra risk or trivial setback may tip the balance between solvency and bankruptcy. Over the past three years rates have rocketed (a West Drayton shoemender tells of a weekly in-crease in rent and rates from £26 to £70, an East London butcher of a rate increase of 300 per cent), cashflow has been squeezed and the effects of inflation on overheads and vages have become so costly that an average 9 per cent profit on tobacco or typical greengrocer's annual turnover of £28,000 looks daily more unrealistic. Add to this penal direct and business taxation, the self-employed national insurance contributions, the cost of bor-rowing and the new national nsurance surcharge that comes into effect on April 6 and it is small wonder that so many small shops are quietly disappearing.

For some, the last straw may be the prospect of capital transfer tax; for others, the hours of unproductive labour in completing their VAT returns or in dealing with the mounds of forms, questionnaires and regulations—not to mention the frequent visits from officials—

threat of municipal trading . . . almost every month, some new nail is driven into the small shopkeeper's coffin. Already in some localities it is impossible to buy fresh fish, impossible to get your shoes repaired and the nearest chem-ist is five miles away. Not only

which distract from the job of

running a business. The Em-

ployment Protection Act, the

is the public losing essential services but with each shop that shuts a few extra names swell the dole queue.

The inner city debate is walcome. But if the Government genuinely wants to restore jobs and bring back the life to our cities, action is needed to reduce the hurden of rates, tax and bureaucracy that is driving

shops—and many other small businesses—into the ground. At the very least, the Chan-cellor's Budger speech should include: a cut in direct taxation, simpification of VAT to-gether with relief against bad debts, incentives to plough back business profits, fairer national insurance contributions, a pledge to reform the vexed question of mixed heriditaments as they affect the rates, plus an easing up on the multiple regu-

traders in a sea of paperwork.
On March 29, we shall see
whether the "save our cities"
campaign is for real—or just window dressing.

Rosemary Brown

Business Diary in Europe: Fiat's Libyan backers • TU reformer

The purchase last December of \$530m Italy is seeking from Hesselbach and it is probably a 9.6 per cent share in Fiat, the International Monetary a sign of his prestige that no single man could be found to former colonial subjects has been followed by the nomination of two Librars to the Image builder

their forties. Regeb A. Misel- summer. lati, born in 1934 and a grad-unte of Benghazi University, is described by Fiar as president and discrete granual of the and director general of the 1958 Umma Bank, a founder of the Prima Commercial Bank, a deputy governor of the Central He is also one of the five-

man Fiat executive committee, along with the Agnelli brothers Giovanni and Umberto, Gianluigi Gabetti and Cesare Romini.
The other is Abdalla Saudi. 40 yesterday, chairman and general manager of the Libyan

Arab Foreign Bank, who was involved on the Libyan side in the confidential negotiations for the deal.

Giovanni Agnelli has said the Libyans will have no power of vero and there are no secret. veto and there are no secret clauses in the agreement, while the Libyans have made plain their policies will be governed by business rather than polit-

ical considerations. inject into Fiat, to the conse-quent benefit of the lira lack a sense of direction. exchange rate in recent weeks. If anyone can change this The sum is not far short of the state of affairs it will be Walter Enzo Ferrari.

nation of two Libvans to the motor and engineeering group's board. Their first attendance will probably be at a board meeting this month.

The run are both backers in The two are both bankers in Bank Für Gemeinwirtschaft this

he is to run the trade unions commercial interests in bank-ing, insurance, retailing and travel as chief executive of the union owned holding company Beteiligungsgesellschaft Gemeinwirtschaft.

The German trade attitude towards its not inconsiderable commercial empire. Purists have argued that the movement should always be seen to be on the side of the lads and not play at being one of the bosses. Perhaps because of this, the trade union owned They have already paid over companies have a rather un-the \$415m they promised to defined public image. Critics would go so far as to say they

movement has an ambivalent

and took over the chairmanship three years later. Under his sway, the BFG has grown into one of Germany's Bank, and also president and director general of the National Oil Corporation.

He is also consisted. Although Hesselbach is step-ping down as BFG chief executive, he is not going into retirement. From this summer

single man could be found to take his place at the BFG. Instead control will pass to two men in their forties. Diether Hoffmann, aged 47, will be in charge of foreign business and the 44-year-old Thomas Wegscheider will assume responsibility for the bank's activities in West Germany.

Into the pits

The retirement of 79-year-old Enzo Ferrari as president of the company he founded more than 30 years ago ends an era -but it seems certain that flame-red Ferraris will continue to dazzle crowds on race tracks around the world.

Ferrari, who announced yesterday be was quitting because of age and ill health, is



expected to maintain control over the activities of the racing ream.

"But for racing nothing will change", chief engineer Mauro Forghieri said yesterday. "Indeed, Ferrari will now be thinking solely of racing, which has always been the thing that interested him most."

With a new car at the testing stage, and due to make its debut in the Spanish Grand

debut in the Spanish Grand Prix, there is every reason to suppose that Ferrari's ambition suppose that Ferrari's ambition is still to add to his tally of seven world championship titles. Since 1969 the Ferrari company has been controlled by the Fiat Group, and the choice of Ferrari's new president rests with the Agnelli brothers at Fiat.

Food for thought The recent death of Anthony

The recent death of Anthony Crosland not long after chairing an all-night EEC ministerial meeting in Brussels has reinforced the resolve of his Cabinet colleague, John Silkin, to avoid a finel gruelling marathon to wind up this year's farm price review.

The British Minister of Agriculture, who will be in the EEC presidency chair when the presidency chair when the price discussions resume at the end of this week, has wagered a number of his friends and colleagues that the final bargaining session will end at dinger rather than breakfast time. His aim is supported by Fina Olay Gundelach, the European Commissioner for Agriculture, who will almost certainly play a crucial role in working out a final compro-

Silkin feels particularly strongly about the folly of working through the night, largely because of his experience as a Labour whip in Westminster when his party had a wafer thin majority in the mid-dle 1960s. He firmly believes that the strain of attending all-night session of Parliament during the 1964-66 Labour Government curtailed the lives of a number of MPs on both sides of the House.

But notwithstanding Silkin's good intentions, seasoned fol-lowers of EEC farm price marathons will be amazed if this year's exercise can be completed at a civilized hour.

King's tour

Rard-working King Juan Carlos of Spain arrived in Cairo this weekend on the first stop of a one-week Middle East trip to improve Spain's commercial and diplomatic relations with Arab countries.

Accompanied by Queen Sofia and by Marcelino Oreja, his foreign minister, the King is to confer with Egyptian President. Anwar Sadat about trade deals. It was recently agreed that Egypt will manu-facture automobiles under licence from the Spanish SEAT

He will also make modern history by being the first non-Islamic head of state to visit the Arab League headquarters in Cairo. On Wednesday he will travel to Jordan, for a three-day official visit at the invitation of his friend King

agents, puts it more graphically.

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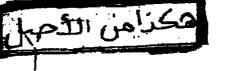
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

tific and medical reasons, to-

letter from Mr Baker, as a

prospective parliamentary can-didate, is his disinterest both

in the balance of payments of Britain and also in the reduc-

tion of unemployment. An activity which contributed last

year £2,000m to the sorely

strained balances cannot be written off as lightly as Mr

Baker suggests. Nor can activity which provides over a million

Tourism, in short, has been

one of the few growth industries in Britain. Like every human

activity it has its disadvantages

as its benefits, but the former do not include pollution or the scarring of landscape, while the

citizens.

predominantly—as has explained—for British

Tehability of the Diverseas visitors: an from the BTA Fiche is the destroy of the destroy of the BTA and make the point of the BTA about the cost to the different types of

rom Sir Alexander Glen about the cost to the community of different types of tourism. I suspect he is confusing the sitrvices for overseas visitors to ritain" of March 16, put four Spain. In fact, the purposes for testions, and the British which visitors come to Britain purist Authority is glad to ovide the answers.

ercial traff

Over the past few years the suber of overseas staff nober of overseas staff aployed in the hotel trade has en reduced drastically. In gether with language study, properiod January to Septem-er 1976, it was necessary for reasons for visiting Britain.

What is disturbing in the bour permits for foreign broughout the country it is nited Kingdom cirizens who day are predominantly uployed, and as an example ritain's largest hotel group noloys only 7 per cent of non-

The BTA has carried out a The BTA has carried our a umber of studies on urban ongestion, the last Tourism a Context by Mr Victor liddleton of the University of urrey. This shows clearly that is not tourism which drives to residents from inner urban eas. They move usually be-use there is inadequate work them as industry closes own. Tourism frequently offers ew opportunities in such areas id overseas visitors use the irplus of resources provided r the resident community. Mr Baker complains of presore of noise, crowding, inva-on of privacy. But he should ole that the ten million over-

be much the poorer without tourism's support and the preservation of a Mentmore would be an idle dream.
Yours faithfully,
ALEXANDER GLEN, eas visitors who came to Britin last year were only one in ho the number of our own alk who travelled in Britain on oliday or for personal or busi-Chairman, British Tourist ess reasons. If people en masse nnoy Mr Baker, he must then Authority. this own fellow citizens.
It is not possible, however, to Queen's House 64 St Tames's Street. mswer Mr Baker's question March 17:

Providing an 'umbrella' for the construction industry

Sir, May I have the opportunity of commenting on Mr Moxley's letter (March 14)—"Construc-. tion: a need to speak out". My association initiated, at

the end of last year, a move to form an "umbrella" organization of, in particular, the professions in the construction industry, and there is no reason. in my view, why the proposal that your correspondent is putting forward should not be in-cluded in the activities of such a body. I agree with Mr Moxlev in that there is a great need for our industry to combine its elforts. Whereas "power

through strength" is not a new concept it is one which is be-ing-used increasingly today. It is also very pertinent to note that if the 300,000 nn-employed in the industry could be put back to work by a revitalization of our activities, the total United Kingdom unemployment figure could be reduced

D. M. WALKER, Immediate Past-President The Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors, 24 Half Moon Street,

by 20 per cent—at a stroke. Yours faithfully,

Maritime flag of the Seychelles

From the President of the Showing the flag at the Seynations mentioned in the article helies convenience. (March and have every intention to take a firm hand in all matters and the ions of my Government to set of the Seychelles maritime The contents of the irticle completely misconstrues he facts and condemns the lag before it even has had ime to establish itself.

would therefore wish to dvise your readers that my lovernment's objective is to stablish the Sevchelles as a naritime flag and in time to ain the confidence and respec bility that is attributed to ther maritime nations.

The Government is only too Republic of Seychelles aware of the smears that have Sir. The article by Peter Hill, been tagged to some of the

concerning the safety of the ships and the crews that man

Make no mistake, my Govern-ment has no intention of allowing any company or person to damage the reputation of our flag as, like the United Kingdom, we are an island, dependant entirely on the sea for our existence.

Yours faithfully, JAMES R. MANCHAM, The Savoy, London. March 17.

Ford UK cars and delivery dates

Sir, It is ironic that Mr uation in Britain with that in Burgess's letter (March 16) concerning the cancellation of a Mini Clubman Estate are infinitely varied. Nearly a quarter of the spendand substitution by a Ford ing derives from conferences and seminars, and artistic, scien-Escort 1300 should have appeared in today's issue.

In the late afternoon of January 31, at the showrooms of Ford Personal Escort, London, I placed an order, and left a deposit on a 1300 Ford Escort to comply with specifications for a European country. Delivery date was given as March 28, 1977.

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When I reached home, three hours later, a 'phone call had advised my wife, who did not know that I had ordered the vehicle, that the colour which had been offered me, and which I had chosen, was not available. The following day a 'phone call advised her that delivery could not be expected until the end of the first week in April. in April.

Yesterday afternoon, after 18 minutes on the 'phone, for which I had paid, and in answer to my request, I was advised that although delivery had been auticipated for April 11 it would be the property of the part of the property of the part of the bearing or landscape, while the benefits are very apparent in the support which tourism spending has given to the artistic and cultural life of the country. Good theatre, music and the historic houses would be much the historic houses. 11, it would almost certainly be several weeks thereafter before I could expect to take delivery of the car. I would be advised. I am an ex-managing director Ford line in Angola. I can state that the members of the Ford Motor Company, from a Finn, to Swiss, French and Portuguese, who were sent out by Ford of Europe to assist me were outstanding in their cooperation and in the fact that they worked, and worked hard.

In the end, will I have to go to Ford of Germany? Yours faithfully, CHARLES L. IRWIN. Wanbourne, Nettlebed, Henley-on-Thames. Oxfordshire RG9 5AE.

Industry and the use of reclaimed land

From Colonel J. F. Williams-Sir, The news that the British Steel Corporation is to retain and expand its works at Port Talbot and Shotton is welcome

for two reasons. Not only will it mean the preservation of very highly-skilled and specialized jobs, but it will also mean the contimued use of land which is of no other value whatsoever. At Shorton the works are built upon reclaimed marshes and at Port Talbot on sand dunes.

At a time when so much good farming land is being roads and similar purposes in is most encouraging for those of us concerned with food production to see industry reaking use of inferior sites like this.

I am. Sir. Yor obedient servant, JOHN WILLIAMS WYNNE, Peniarth,

Tywyn, Merioneth, March 17.

Call for inflation-indexed taxation

conomics Correspondent tion, a study from the Institute of Economic Affairs declares

The study, written by Mr David Morgan, an economist at he International Monetary idjust tax allowances to take najor factor in the doubling of pial personal taxes between 1973-74 and 1975-76. He argues that the system

provides Government with a apidly increasing source of evenue, making it easier to ncrease public spending without looking at the tax implica-

The effect of inflation has harply without forcing poli-icians into the open with

that while the great majority of Britain's personal rax system the population suffers some in-ought to be indexed for infla- crease in taxation when inflation pushes up money income, the impact in percentage terms is greatest within any tax band those who are worst off. majority of the population who pay tax at the standard rate of 35 per cent, the worst effect is In particular, for the great per cent, the worst effect is

on those whose pay is small and whose family is large. This is because tax allow-ances are most important for them, so they suffer most from an erosion of the allowances' real value. The scale of the drop in the real value of these allowances is calculated at

nearly a third in some cases.
A single person's allowance stood at £595 in April, 1973, compared with £398 now, after allowing for inflation. For those who pay tax at the higher rates there has also been a substantial drop in the level

higher tax bracket. Higher-rate tax started at £5,000 in April, 1973, whereas it today starts at £2,711 in 1973 terms. The gap in real terms between each step is now about 60 per cent of what it was in 1973.

The author claims that having an increasing source of income taxes, whose share of total tax revenue rose from 42.6 per cent in 1964 to 52.1 per cent in 1975, has been a major factor explaining gov-ernment profilizacy. He cites past examples of increasing government spending and also argues that the public-sector deficit has been in continual growth since 1972-73.

Most of this section was clearly written before the December series of cuts and latest estimates, which suggest that the Public Sector Borrowing-Requirement will fall sharply in 1976-77 and even faster next

Interim Price Commission report on beer considered

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The Times wishes to point out that two Notices concerning Taisho Marine and Fire litsurance Company, Limited, were assistentially printed on Friday, 18th March, 1977. The meeting referred to in the Notices will be held at 51 Bishopsgate, London ECIP 2AA, on Tuesday, 29th March, 1977, at 11.00 a.m. In cornect Notice appeared on page 30 of The Times issue of 18th March, 1977.

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iffering areas.

There is a possibility that he Price Commission will pubish in interim report on beer. celing within the Commission s that the subject is providing t with its most complex inves-gation yer undertaken, gation yet undertaken, recause of the nature of the ndustry, the size and areas. overed by brewers, the comex system of tied houses and iffering pricing structures, The Commission is finding hat while information on what re regarded as the "national" rewers is relatively easily brained, it is proving difficult "sample" the regional profairly closely chosen and

Consequently, the possibility of an interim report on the production distribution costs of

larger companies is being considered as an interim measure, Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, has already the Commission's report on soft drink "Mixers" on his desk. and publication is expected

some time before Easter. While this is expected to be highly critical of the licensed trade, the Department of Price may my to present that report on a fiarly low key in order to direct public attention to what. ucers, each of whom operates is regarded as the much more crucial investigation into beer

No rush to join NEB's Insac Data

By Kenneth Owen Technology Correspondent Several negotiations with companies in the computer industry for membership of the National Enterprise Board's Insac Data Systems offshoot are well down the line", according to Mr John Pearce, deputy director of the NEB's computers

and electronics division. Interviewed in the current issue of Computing magazine, Mr Pearce says: "If Insac gets the membership I anticipate it will represent companies whose combined sales are already £40m to £50m."

The new NEB subsidiary, he would provide overseas marketing operations for member companies, and would also invest in members' hardware software development programmes, Formation of the Insac company was announced by the last month, since when

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grammers, a leading London

software house has been the only company to announce

negotiations for membership.

stronger advance in the 1980s made in the course of repelling the Rank Organisation bid no

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Tesco moves have paved way for

analysis is centred on margins and consumer spending levels, J. & A. Scrimgeour has concentraded its research on property portfolios in forecasting a rerating of Tesco Stores (Hold-

Tesco, the firm states, entered the current decade with a property portfolio heavily weighted with first and second eneration supermarkets. Drawing on American sources, the broker states that the long-term vulnerability of such units is high, but having substantially extended and re-positioned its stores, Tesco will enter the 1980s in a stronger competitive position than it entered the 1970s.

in the year ended February, 1977, the group should make almost £30m, pre-tax, the firm believes, going up to about £33.5m in the current year. The prospective earnings multi-ple of 8.7 compares with the food retailing multiple of 10.6, and Scrimgeour recommends that weightings in this "core sector holding" should be progressively increased. If Tesco, to borrow the brokers phrase, has been sub-

jected to a "continued process of downward rerating", De La Rue has been put through the hoops. Even today, the latest review by Phillips & Drew still refers to the missed forecasts

less than eight years ago. De La Rue's acquisitions, the broker admits, seemed irrelevant to what the group knew best (shades of later institu-tional objection to Rank itself), but although the dominant security printing businesses may be entering a consolidation phase, after a year of excep-tional growth, Foormica—such a headache in France and

the next two years while United Kingdom trading pros-pects have improved with the introduction of new products. Phillips & Drew's analyst, Mr John Marsh, calculates that group earnings will almost double in the current year, giving a 20 per cent discount

to average market price/earn-

Geermany last year-should

substantially reduce losses

ings ratios.
If De La Rue and Tesco have had their share of criticism over the years, EMI has been a bluecyed favourite. Give the market a glamour product—in this instance medical scanners and there is inevitably a rush for the shares. The latest results, however, contained a warning on future growth rates, heavy spending requirements and harsh regulatory controls. Despite the subsequent disappointment, both Rowe Rudd and Quilter Hilton Goodison

have chosen to pick up the

Rowe's commentators, Mr Gerald Kelly, Mr John Carter and Mr Sean Roche, are worried by the technical position of the shares and estimate that they would fall sharply if the index dipped below 400.

But after the interim figures and the Development Securities (effectively a rights issue); broker is confident that new products announcements could restore EMTs growth rating. The CT scanning, ultrasonics and linear accelerators are three important areas. The shares, say Rowe's trio, would be an "excellent buy" under 200p.

Quilter's analyst, Mr Field Walton, is less sanguine. The results, he says dryly, were not up to expectations and the stock no longer warrants an above-average rating, although the Development Securities deal offers a case for a hold on income grounds. A final divi-dend of 8.75p has been fore-

Income comes bottom of Fielding, Newson-Smith's priori-ties for a recommendation in Imperial Continental Gas Association. Earnings, says Mr D. A. Richards, will grow by a third this year due to the pay off on the investment in Calor, Petro-fina's benefits from the North Sea and the improvement from the Belgian subsidiaries.

Ray Maughan

A P Cement, Bowring, Philips, Ladbroke due

national and a string of major British industrials is the measure of the coming week's line-up of routine company news, which is strongly biased

to end-year statements. Philips Lamp reports on Thursday along with Smith & Nephew, complements interim figures from complemented Bowring and the Sime Darby complex. But these will be preceded by Rolls-Royce Motors, Assoc'd Portland Cement, and Associd Fortand Cement, and Ladbroke—all finals.

A beavy list for Wednesday takes in BICC, Booker McConnell, General Accidents, Ibstock Johnsen, and Rockware.

There is always wide interest in Beaverbrook Newspapers their interim is now expected on Friday. For the rest, two carpet makers are reporting— Blackwood Morton and oughal. Details: CODAY. Interims—Chambers

and Fargus, Courtney Pope, Epicure Hldgs, R. Green Props, Lawtex, and Miln Masters. Finals — Beatson Clark, Jamesons Chocolages, Low and Bonar, Paraling Ruber, and Rolls-Royce Motors. TOMORROW. Interims—Malay-

an Tin, Ricardo Eng. and Southern Malayan Tin. Finals Boddingtons Breweries, Bronz Eng, Bury and Masco, Home Counties Newspapers, John I. Jacobs, Ladbroke, Sharna

Ware, Tomatin Distillers and Watmoughs.
WEDNESDAY. Interims—A Beckman, Maynards, Utd City

Merchants, and Jas Walker Goldsmith and Silversmith. Finals—Banro Cons Inds, BICC, Booker McConnell, A/B Electrolux General Accident, Glenlivet Distilleries, J. Hewitt, and Ibstock-Johnsen, A. A. Jones and Shipman, F. J. C. Lilley, Liverpool Post, Rockware, Sam Sherman, TPT Ltd, and Youghal Carpets.

Results this week

THURSDAY. Interimsand Sons, Blackwood Morron. C. T. Bowring, Cons Plantac. I. Bowring, Cons Plantations, Countryside Props, Gallenkamp, G. F. Lovell,
Pressac, W. Ribbous, Sime
Darby Hidgs, and F. W.
Thorpe. Finals—British Mohair Spinners, Friedland Doggart. Manchester Liners,
Philips Lamp, Smith and
Nephew, Tharsis Sulphur and
Cooper. Wilkinson Warbur-Copper, Wilkinson Warbur-ton, Wolf Electric Tools, and Yule Catto.

Catro. FRIDAY. brook Newspapers. Finals-Brown .. Brothers, .Gibbs and Dandy, Relyon (PBWS), Southampton IoW Steam Packet, and Utd Newspapers.

Shellabear gets £1.35m offer-if all goes well

When shareholders in a were around 90 per cent of group which coyly reveals an anomymous suitor have to wait weeks for details they are some-times entitled to fear the worst. But in the case of builder and civil engineer Shellabear Price which sank into the red in the six months to June 30 last, the wait was not in vain.
On February 4 it reported talks
with "an unlisted company"

40p.
At the end of last week they were 37p and now an offer of 45p cash has come along. The suitor is revealed as Biwarer, a private company at Dorking, Surrey.
It designs, supplies and

and the shares leapt 17p to

at home and abroad. In the year to September 30, exports

turnover.
In 1975 Biwater won the Queen's Award to Industry for Exports". Shellabear and SG Warburg think the offer is fair and certain directors and their families will back it for 53 per cent of the capital. County Bank advises Biwater.

There could be a snag. Shellabear thinks that it made small profits last year but Biwater has instructed accountants to verify the management accounts of Shellabear for 1976, and to confirm no material change for the worse since then. It also wants to be satisfied about the worth of Shellabear's property and plant Only if all goes well will Biwater spend its money.

By Adrienne Gleeson Likening the problems for the banks in maintaining their capital ratios at a time of high

in the accounts of industrial undertakings needing addi-tional working capital to cover inflationary increases in the cost of replacing stocks", National Westminster's retiring chairman, Sir John Prideaux, points ouet in his annual report that without adjustment for this erosion of free capital ratios, to determine current cost profits of banks "will not be meaningful".

Last year, as the accounts

show, National Westminster's deposits rose by 16 per cent to £15,384m (with International

Sir John Prideaux on need for realism in bank accounting

accounting for something over £4,200m of that), while share holders' funds rose by less than 9 per cent. inflation to "that which arises funds was, however, depressed by the property reassessment which wiped £50m off the value of certain central London premises and offset most of the benefits, in terms of strengthen-ing the balance sheet, which the group obtained from last year's £64m rights issue. Sir John-says that the bank's

property assessments now show that there is "no significant difference between the overall book and market values of the group's properties The new tower building in Bishopsgate, which was topped

when completed, to hold the international division, is included in fixed assets (up from £550m to £554m during the year) as one of the major sites in course of revaluation.

These are taken in, at cost, at £79m at end-December as against £51m at the end of the preceding year. Commitments for future expenditure at the year-end amounted to £183m as against £196m a year previously.

He also says that while the resources of Courts & Co coutipued to grow satisfactorily, published profits have been held back by the need for fur-.uer provisions
-advances.

Westinghouse in Italian talks

The group added that in response to "desires expressed by the Italian Government" it has held preliminary discussions about reducing its more than 50 per cent equity interest in Sopren, an Italian-based supplier of nuclear reactor components, and Coren, an Italian-based nuclear fuel com-

Westinghouse pointed out that there have not yet been formal discussions about the sale of the equity interest. agreement had been reached.—AP-Dow Jones.

Mid-Sussex deserves a small premium

Dealing are due to start on Vednesday in the new £50-paid id-Sussex Water Company 131 per cent Redeemable Debenture placed by broker Dennis Murphy, Campbell last week.

Freight report

Tanker rates for large vessels trading out of the Gulf con-

tinued their upward path during

But as the weekend ap-

concluded fell away noticeably, probably because companies seeking tonnage for

proached the amount of new inquiry and actual business

March loadings have now satis-fied their requirements and

the pressure to take up first-

If this is the case, the lull

in trading may last into early April and probably longer. Rate levels could also slip back a little.

Demand from both major and independent oil companies was

arranged at the beginning of

last week to push vice rates up to an average Worldscale 31,

four points above the previous

week. This achievement was

put down to the near-balance existing between demand and

Conditions also improved for

smaller tankers in the 130,000/ 140,000-ton deadweight range,

where a narrow balance between supply and demand

was also being reported. As a result, rates firmed up to

While volume of Medi-

terranean fixing remained about

the same, Caribbean chartering

showed signs of recovery, par-

ticularly towards the end of the

tended to keep rates low lately,

but there were signs of an increase in trading.

In the dry cargo market the

hopes of China coming into this

sector for tonnage to serve its

recent grain purchase deal with Australia were dashed, tem-

porarily at least. They are holding off making any moves

until they have undertaken an

assessment of their own posi-

Surplus tonnage has

around Worldscale 42.

charters

quarter quotas are off.

sufficient in the

the first half of last week.

poration says that it has the flat yield on the £3m issue ings of the bank for the March indicated its willingness to is £13.38 per cent, and the discuss reducing its equity in redemption yield £13.46 per said that interest rates "should two majority owned Italian nuclear supply units.

The group added the flat yield on the £3m issue ings of the bank for the March quarter, Mr Ellmore Patterson said that interest rates "should move upward a few notches as edged market since the issue loan demand builds". suggests that the stock will go ro a small premium.

John Michael out of the red

Mr J. M. Ingram, chairman of menswear group John Michael (Savile Row) reports that the turnround predicted in his last statement has come about. The unaudited accounts its offer for White, Child, in for 1976-77 show a return to profits, and a "considerable" 52 per cent, will not be extended or increased in any circum-

The results for the year to January 31, 1976, reported last month, showed that turnover slipped to £2,63m from £2,67m.

J. P. Morgan

The chairman of the old New York banking house of J. P. Morgan is looking for a "more robust" United States economy this year. Forecasting

Business appointments

The company's chief subsidiary is Morgan Guaranty Trust. -AP-Dow Jones.

Guinness presses on: Mr Beney adamant

The offer from Arthur Guinness for White, Child & Beney of 65p cash or 701p in shares is due to close on Friday. The brewer emphasizes that or increased in any circum-

stances. Mr Richard Beney, WCB's chairman, recently pledged that "Guinness will never get full control at the existing cash offer

The WCB board has been told by Guinness that between January 24 and March 11, Guinness bought 861,014 shares a (11.6 per cent).

Briefly

LAFARGE SA

Turnover for 1976 up from 5,300m francs to about 6,000m francs (about £700m). Earnings (130.5m francs). Net dividend of 11.18 francs per share, and 5.59 francs tax credit (10.50 francs and 5.25 francs respectively for 1975).

SENA SUGAR ESTATES Board aware of circumstances indicating possibility of offer for all outstanding £419,181 of 81 per cent second deb stock 1987-92.

COMBINED ENGLISH STORES Netherlands associate, jointy owned with NV Amer buying Berclonw BV of Utrecht for £375,000 cash: Co adds to group's

handbag_interests. FINLAND BANK NOTES Union Bank of Finland is offering \$30m of floating rate notes in the Eurobond market through a syndicate headed by Citicorp

International. The notes will pay

semi-annual interest at 1 per cent pa above the six-month London Interbank rate, subject to an expected minimum of 61 per cent.

At annual meeting, Mr J. H. M. Mackenzie said that litigation between co and Royal Dutch Shell sub. Billiton. over claims and counter claims about Dutch cos Group's trading encouraging.

Citicorp International Bank (CIBL), part of Citicorp Internation Group: 1976 pre-text profit 55.27m (f3.62m), Group kept to place last year in syndication of international loans, and did more in Eurosecurities.

ENGLISH PROPERTY CORP

In exchange for the minority shareholdings in two subsidiaries. English Property Corp has issued to Mr C. B. Leigh, a former director, 450,000 ordinary shares, plus £100,000 cash. STAFFS POTTERIES

Staffordshire Potteries (Holdings) has been told by Hill. Samuel that it has disposed of 450,000 ordinary shares in Staffordshire and now holds none.

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Lord Caldecote to head

Legal and General

Viscount Caldecore, deputy chairman of the Legal and General Assurance Society, is to succeed Viscount Harcourt as succeed Viscount Harcourt as chairman when the latter retires at the annual general meeting on May 18. Lord Caldecote joined the Legal and General board in February last year and was appointed deputy chairman in January. He is also chairman of Delta Metal Co and a director of Lloyds Bank and Consolidated Gold Fields.

Mr Alastair Robertson, actuar and deputy general manager of the Scottish Equitable Life Assurthe Scottish Equitable Life Assur-ance Society, has been appointed a director of the society with immediate effect. On September 1 he will become general man-ager in succession to Mr Iau Isles, who retires on August 21. Mr Isles will remain a director. Mr Charles Green has been appointed director, field engineer-ing, Europe, of NCR. Mr N. F. Nicholson has been director, EMI

made finance director, EMI
Leisure Enterprises. Mrs Mary
Jeffery becomes finance director,
EMI Hotels and Restaurants
Operations, and Mr D. R. Davies,
managing director, EMI Sound
and Vision Equipment. Mr David Morton, managing director of Alcan Booth Industries

and assistant managing director of Alcan Aluminium (UK), has been made vice-president, corporate planning for Alcan Aluminium, Montreal.

Mr W. J. Wilkes has been made chairman of James Wilkes in succession to Mr J. Wilkes, who retires on March 31. tires on March 31.

Mr A. J. Lowe, of Lankro
Chemicals, has been elected chairman of the recently-formed
Phenolic Foam Maoutachurers'

Association.
Mr John Briggs has been made managing director of Townsend Car Ferries. Mr John Parsons has been appointed deputy managing director.
Mr F. Roos has been named chairman of AMEV Life Assurance in succession to Mr J. P. Bol. who has retired. Joukheer P. J. F. van der Does de Willebois has included by the base of the boundary of the base of the ba

Mr C. A. Bielenberg has joined the board of Resource Evaluation

joined the board.

David Robinson | as an executive director. He was

Foam Manufacturers'



retiring as chairman of the Legal and General Assurance Society, and Viscount Calde-cote, who will succeed him.

previously managing director of Robert Fraser & Parmers. Mr M. J. Boniface becomes deputy managing director and Mr G. H. Cumner company secretary. Mr J. R. Cowen has been appointed a non-executive director. a non-executive director.

Mr H. D. Elverum has been made vice-president of a new components group in Honeywell Inc control systems operations. He is succeeded as president and general manager of Honeywell Europe by Mr Joe Chenoweth.

Mr T. Holborn is to become managing director of Tobler
Suchard from April 1. Mr R.
Beglé (Swiss) and Mr G.-E. Reymond (French) also join the
board. Mr J.-E. Manghardi
(Swiss) has resigned.

Mr A. S. R. Davidson, has been appointed a joint general manager of Bank of Scotland in succession to Mr D. M. Cowan, who retires on May 15.
Mr G. J. R. Rainey will resign his directorships of Delta Enfield Cables (Holdings) and its subsidiaries on April 7, when he transfers to Delta Metal as financial controller. Mr P. H. Lud cial controller. Mr R. H. Lud-wick, Mr A. M. Morgan and Mr T. H. Neal, will join the board of Delta Enfield Cables (Hold-legs). Mr H. A. Lee is named a director of Delta Enfield Cables. Mr James Sweeney has been made a director of E. F. Hutton (London).
Mr James Findlay has joined the board of English and Inter-

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-BUSINESS BOOKS-A star is born

The CBI by Wyn Grant and David Marsh

(Hodder & Stoughton, £3.95) Perhaps the single most in-teresting fact about this work, a study of the role of the Cona study of the role of the Confederation of British Industry in the political system, is that it has been written by two academics, Dr Wyn Grant and Dr David Marsh, rather than by a journalist or a professional author.

This in itself tells one something about the confederation. Academics are content to write about worthy subjects with monetary gain only a secondary motive. Professional writers, in contrast, tend to look far more closely at the popularity of their subject matter and its lirect relationship to their bank

The unions and the TUC have always managed to attract people from Grub Street to chronicle their doings. Not so

The point is not frivolous, but tells one something important about the relative standings of the CBI and the TUC in the public consciousness. The unions can always draw an audience which is denied to the

industrialists' trade union ". one this mattered little to the plays in the CBI's functioning CBI. It was the lobbies of it is worthy of note that Mr Whitehall and to a lesser extent the corridors of Westminster record as saving that

Putting

trust in

anti-trust

During the final two years of the Ford Administration the American-based multinational

oil companies were faced with a congressional campaign to force them to sell off parts of

their worldwide investments that stretch from the explora-tion and production of crude

oil to the sale of petrol at the

If Congressmen had had their

way componies like Exxon, Texaco and Gulf would have

been permitted to operate in only one of the four broad cate-

gories-production, transporta-

tion, refining, and marketing— into which the industry is

Activities outside the sector

chosen by the company would have to be sold. This first assault on the world's largest

industrial grouping was beaten off but oil company executives

expect the divestiture lobby to

renew its efforts over the next

Dr Blair, a former chief economist to the United States

Senate sub-committee on Anti-Trust and Monopoly, has produced an effective handbook for anyone wanting to embark

trying to dislodge the major oil

companies from their dominant positions in the oil business.

His tengthy and closely argued volume traces, as a number of other books have

done previously, the rise of the "Seven Sisters"—the seven largest oil companies in the world. But he tackles in more

depth what he terms as "the

evisceration of independent oil producers in Libya and the "crippling" of independent

Dr Blair is an advocate of competition, but not the sort he sees in the oil industry. Oil

companies maintained prices, be says, by ensuring that supply and demand were always fairly equally marched—curring back

on Middle Eastern production

whenever oil from new sources

threatened to produce a sur-

plus with attendant selling of

According to Dr Blair it was the major oil companies that reduced the supply of oil from members of the Organisation of

Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) at the height of the industrial slump of 1974/75. Without this reduction the amount of distressed oil on the

amount to bring widespread price cient to bring widespread price concessions and "probably the disintegration of the Opec

Regulation of the oil industry

by government is destined to fail he claims. Officials not only

become knowledgeable about

the companies' organization and

suructure but also its problems and from this comes "under-

standing and not infrequently sympathy". A combination of expert knowledge and sympa-thetic understanding tends to

In contrast once an anti-

trust action is started the government agency and the

companies are adversaries. "Instead of mutual understand-

ing the prevailing attitude is

one of antagonism. In such a climate influence and corruption do not thrive", he adds.

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which were the most important, the most important decisions stamping grounds of John he made on first entering Tot-Davies, the first director hill Street was to appear on the general, and his successor, Jimmy Young programme Campbell Adamson. The permanent secretary's room and the minister's lounge are still of prime importance to the CBI but since the corporanist approach to economic and industrial management be-

catapulted into a role in which they have often seemed uneasy. And that new role—an overrly political one—has added a new dimension to the paradox that has dogged the footsteps of the CBI leadership since its inception, which was how to appease its mem-bership at the same time as aiming its well boned darts of constructive criticism at the Government and the Civil Ser-

Brought into the centre of the decision making machinery by the tripartite approach, the leaders of industry must now another important constituency
—public opinion. On such
matters as pay and price control the confederation must carry with it not only busi-nesses' backing but a measure of public approbation.

Lest any one underestimate how important a role this now

Jimmy Young programme where he had instant access to many millions of purse-string wielding ordinary people whose understanding of the confederation's arguments on matters like inflation and profits might be crucially impor-tant in getting those arguments gan in the Heath era, the deni-zens of Tothill Street have been

accepted around the tripartite table. A second edition of this book would be valuable. The present edition covers the confederation from its beginnings iu 1965 to the general election in 1974, with some updating to bring in the most important developments between 1974 and spring 1976, Its judgments on such recent matters as its tripartite approach are necessarily interim by nature.

A second edition would allow the authors to gauge the CBI's performance and contribution in the relatively new milieu in which it finds itself.

From standing quietly in the wings, the confederation has willy nilly been pushed centre stage. It will be some years before we are able to tell whether its presence there has been as a main player or simply as a foil for those more experienced troupers the politicians and the union

Malcolm Brown



staircase of great splendour taken from The Halls of the Fishmongers' Company by Priscilla Metcalf (Phillimore £12), which traces the history of the Thames-side site occupied by the

We're only here for the advertising

Advertising Inside Out by Philip Kleinman (W. H. Allen, £4.50)

The advertising industry tends

ou producers in Libya and the crippling of independent petrol marketers—both of which posed a serious threat to the ordered world that the majors have built up. to the austere seventies. listed in 1960, for instance, only one, J. Walter Thompson, has ledged to be important in such survived the transition unsactions. In cathed. The others, London describing the decline of the famous KMP Partnership, for instance, Mr Kleinman says Colman Prentis and Varley. Colman Prentis and Varley, that its success had been built, and Mather and Crowther have either disappeared altogether or changed out of recognition

under new owners Today's "ad agency" managers keep as close a watch on profits as their predecessors did on their client's tastes in about 20,000 in the mid-sixties to about 13,300 now- Advertisement campaigns have changed, with sex, for example, giving way to less frivolous enhancements of the products adver-

Philip Kleinman, during his six-year term with the industry's trade press, including two years as editor of the now defunct Adweck, was at the heart of these changes.

The Baltic Exchange,

The History of a

Unique Market

by Hugh Barty-King

(Hutchinson Benham £7.50)
With a committee of the Par-

liamentary Group for World Government working hard to

establish London as the world commodities centre, a book which sets out to initiate the outsider into the mysteries of "The Baltic" is particularly

He has spelt them out for the benefit of the layman in a narrative as gossipy as the industry it describes.

The text of Advertising Into be as susceptible to fashion side Out is refreshingly pepas are the advertisements it pered with names and thumbproduces. Big changes have nail sketches of personalities taken place as the business has (which will delight readersmoved frm the swinging sixties who know the people concerned), as well as descriptions Of the five biggest agencies of the businesses they created. Personalities are acknow-

perhaps to a greater extent lized, on their own charm ability and on the trust placed in them by clients.

"As all four withdrew from active participation in making ads into the misty realms of corporate administration, some entertainment. The numbers of those same clients grew in-they employ have shrunk from creasingly dissatisfied.".

Besides giving inside information about people, Kleinman lifts some of the veils in front of changes of agency by big advertising accounts like those of Guinness and Schweppes and look out why other accounts like Allied Breweries' "We're Only Here for the Beer", Double Diamond and Nescafe, changed agencies when they did.

Stock Exchange, or Lloyd's, which is immediately recogn-

ized by those not closely con-cerned, although there is a vague idea that the Baltic is "something to do with ships".

It is, in fact, an important element in London's make up as

a world shipping and com-modity centre and takes its

name from a coffee house which, in 1744, became known as the Virginia and Baltick, later dropping the "k" and, in

Quick guide

King Labour: The British Working Class 1850-1914, by David Kynaston (George Allen

Labour Law and Off-shore Oil

by Jonathan Kitchen (Croom Belm, £14.95).

& Unwin, £6.50).

From coffee house to shipping centre

The rewards of hard labour

Dictionary of Labour Biography, Vol 3 Edited by Joyce Bellamy and John Saville (Macinillan £20).

Essays in Labour History 1918-1939, Vol 3 Edited by Asa Briggs

and John Saville (Croom Helm/Archon Books

It sometimes seems as if every

Tory or Liberal politician of any consequence, and many who were not, live on in books by their or anothers' hands.
The Labour movement, on the other hand, has always been poorer in biography and autobiography, the recent flood from Sir Harold Wilson, Mr Richard Crossman, Lady Falk-ender and Mr Joe Haines not-

withstanding.
There is Bullock on Beyin and Foot on Bevan. But Roy Jenkins is best known for his biographies of the Liberals Dilke and Asquith, although to be fair Dilke was a notable figure in the history of labour with a small "1".

MacDonald, Labour's first and nearly its last prime minister has had to wait for 40 years since his death for a full-dress biography. Snowden, MacDonald's Chancellor, destroyed his papers and Margaret Bondfield, his Minister of Labour and first woman Cabinet

minister, lost hers.
How valuable an enterprise, therefore, is the Dictionary of Labour Biography, and how apt that its worth should be recog-nized by publishing house Mac-millan, inhabited by a former Tory Prime Minister and a former Tory Secretary of State for Employment

Here are the foundation essays, the seeds perhaps of future biographies, of those like Margaret Bondfield (Vol 2) whose biography remains to be written, as well as those unsung foot soldiers whose biographics foot soldiers whose biographies may never be written, ranging from a chartist weaver trans-ported for 14 years to the worthy of whom it is said: "He

was a JP for Durham City in later life and one of his main recreations was playing bowls.
The "stars of this edition are Thomas Smillie and Arthur Cook, respectively president and secretary of the Miners' Federation around 1926.

Federation around 1926.

The best value, however, is the essay of Sean Hutton and Barbara Nield on the little-remembered Emily, Lady Dilke. She was a friend of George Eliot, is presumed to be the original of Dorothea in Middle-nurch, was an art historian and the heroine of a Victorian sex-and-politics scandal and was a founder of the women's trade union movement. trade union movement.

Two items in Essays in Labour History lend interesting perspective to current—or persential issues, unemploy-ment insurance and non-political or company trade

Unemployment insurance, social security, the dole, call it what you will, is at the moment a favourite political football of that wing—or is it talon?—of Conservatism associated with Mr Ian Sproat.

Half a century ago, as Alan Deacon demonstrates in his essay "Concession and Coer-cion, the Politics of Unemployment Insurance in the Twenties", the debate was as hot if not botter between factions of the Labour Party than between Labour and the Tories or the Liberals.

It was disagreement on a pro-posal to cut benefit by a tenth that led to the resignation of the Labour cabinet in 1931 and the subsequent slaughter at the polls which brought the party to the brink of disintegration. "The Non-Political Trade Union Movement", traces the origins of that strange beast, neither fish nor fowl, which briefly flourished during the 1920s in the Nottinghamshire coalfield and in the National Union of

The movement sprang in part from the miners' jealousy of their coalfield's peculiar profitability. The seamen—Sir Harold Wilson's "tightly-knit group of politically motivated men" were prepared to trade indus-trial peace for the closed shop.

Ross Davies

A future bright as diamonds?

The British Coalmining Industry: Retrospect and Prospect

by Dr A. R. Griffin (Moorland Publishing, £6) Coal: Technology for

Britain's future (Macmillan, £4.95) The fortunes of coalmining are

the reverse coin of the state of British industry. Government, unious and the National Coal Board are committed to a longterm investment programme, the latest fruit of which is a the latest trust of which is a £35m scheme to subsidize the price of Scottish coal to the South of Scotland Electricity Board, thus safeguarding 8,000 iobs.

But in a new study of the industry's performance by one of the Coal Board's own industrial relations officers, The British Coalmining Industry: Retro-spect and Prospect, Dr A. R. Griffin, suggests that wichout a significant improvement in productivity fairly soon, the 1974 Plan for Coal will "inevitably be endangered ".

In one of the bleakest pre-dictions of the industry's future to come from within the NCB's managerial ranks, Dr Griffin argues: "On present trends, our deep-mined output in 1977-78 will fall below 100 million tons for the first time—disputes apart—since the 1860s."
Further, the stagnation in productivity coupled with increased costs arising from the

early retirement scheme start-ing in August will seriously weaken coal's competitive posi-tion. "Is the resurgence in the coalmining industry's fortunes since 1970 permanent, or will it be seen in the future to have been no more than a temporary amelioration of the long-term tendency to deckine?", he asks. A predictably more rosy pic-ture is painted by Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the NCB, in his foreword to Coal: Tech-

Patricia Tisdall nology for Britain's Future. He maintains that a good start has been made to Plan for Coal,

Even after a life of 375 years, 1810, becoming The Baltic tion in 1857 of South Sea House is not a name such as The Coffee House.

The coffee house was an open, public house with no members, only regulars with common interests in the Virginia trade

across the Atlantic and the Bal-

Mr Barty-King takes the story

on through the development of

the coffee bouse in 1823 into a "subscription room", with rules and regulations; the destruction by fre of the Royal Exchange in 1838 and its replacement in 1844; the acquisi-

Harding Boulton (Sweet & Maxwell, £6.50).

Branches and Subsidiaries in

Open-End Investment Funds

Complete Guide to Swiss

in the EEC and Switzerland by Dr D. C. Corner and D. C. Stafford (Macmillan, £15).

with investment going ahead on schedule and new coal reserves being found at a rate four times the present rate of exploitation. "The prospects for British coal are bright", he justes.

They can't both be right, and the latest productivity figures seem to support the Griffin theory (which is his own, and in no way represents the official view of the board). But while Dr Griffin is an industrial relations officer as well as an historian of the industry of con-siderable note, his otherwise upkey developments in the atti-tude of the miners' leadership.

The miners' enthusiasm for wage restraint—never strong—bas diminished more rapidly than that of any other group of workers; not surprisingly, for they had more to lose after struggling back to the top of the wages league in 1974. The moderate dominated executive of the NUM have accepted a phase two settlement, but have declined to be bound by the 12-month rule. Mr Gormley, the union's president, is seeking to negotiate a genuine productivity deal giving substantially higher output and wages from August 1.

This ambition may prove difficult to reconcile with what-ever phase three of the TUC-Government incomes policy brings (always assuming it brings anything), and there will inevitably be opposition from the strong left group on the NUM executive against any return to the piecework mentality in the pits.

Perhaps understandably, neither book dwells on this issue, central though it is to the future of the industry. Dr Griffin's work is chiefly a capable, detailed and readable history of the industry of the industry. history of the industry and those who work in it.

The second book, as its title suggests, examines the scientific and technical prospects for the industry, and has particularly rewarding chapters on the new Selby coalfield and its impact on a largely rural Yorkshire community.

Paul Routledge

and the registration of The Bal-tic Company Ltd; and to the final establishment of the Baltic Exchange in St Mary Axe in 1903. An interesting sidelight is that Herbert Beerbohm, who was elected to the Ealtic in 1874, devoted his spare time to amateur theatricals, secured a professional engagement in 1878 and took the stage name of

Beerbohm Tree. Wallace Jackson

Japan's Multinational Enterprises by Prof M. Y. Yoshino (Harvard University Press,

New Encyclopaedia of Employment Law and Practice, edited by Frank Walton (Centurion Publications, £21.50). Money, Information and Uncertainty by Dr C. A. E. Goodthe European Common Market: legal and tax aspects (Kluwer-Harrap Handbooks, £11.50). hart (Macmillan, £4.95).

Taxation Manual: Income Tax Law and Practice by A. L. Chapman and Percy F. Hughes (Taxation Publishing Co, £9).

Complete Guide to Swiss David Goy with accountancy Shackleton on the Law and Banks by Harry Browne (Mc-examples by Nick Kelsey Practice of Meetings by A. Graw Hill, £8.25). (Sweet & Maxwell, £5).

Bury's bread more than Lancashire's thread

Tradition has it that Bury is the birthplace of the black pudding, a dish that has been known to inspire elemen total revulsion or a kind of glassy.

eyed reverence.

At all evens the black and At all events the black and-ding—or as it is more properly known locally, the Bury pudding— remains one of the few un-changing features of a Lanca-shire town over the past couple of decades changed in almost all other respects and, in indus-trial terms, voltices the kind of trial terms, typifies the kind of upheaval that has taken place in parts of the north-west

From a vantage point on the nearby M62—providing Bury and its near neighbours with a direct link to the national motorway network—the town selections of the network of the skyline is still dominated by a forest of mill chimneys. But akhough the huge red-brick mills of the nineteenth censury still stand as monuments to their age, few of them are now concerned with textiles.

The rundown of the cotton

industry, involving the loss of more than 200,000 jobs in Lancashire, has hit Bury hard and transformed its character and life-style if not, as yet, its Lowry landscape. Bury's bread—and for that matter its pud-dings—no longer hangs on Lancashire's thread.

But Bury has proved more resilient and more adaptable than some of its cotton town neighbours and, remarkably in the circumstances, its current unemployment rate of 4.5 per cent, although marginally higher than it was a year ago, compares favourably with most of the region and is low against areas like Merseyside, where the jobless figure now stands at 10.6 per cent.

The town was fortunate in having some well-established industrial roots outside of tentiles, mostly in paper-making and engineering and it has been more successful than some others in attracting new investment. At a time when industrial closures have been dominating the news from other parts of the region—Courtaulds at Skelmersdale and Plessey on Merseyside-Bury has recently secured three

major projects.

But the biggest industrial boost for the town for many years came with the autounce-ment that Chloride-Lorival was to invest film for setting up a new plant at the former Joseph Webb steelworks at

Bury Bridge.
It was followed by the news
that the Scottish-based Low and Bonar Group had decided to locate the British headquarters of its packaging division in the town. It will be centred on the existing operations of the former Eibby and Baron group, taken over by Low and Booar last year, and extended to become the central unit in a national network of 13 monu-

Industry in the regions

panies. With an expected turnover of more than £30m a year, this will make it Europe's biggest paper bag, plastic and car-

ton packaging manufacturer.

The third major industrial expansion for Bury involves a decision by Smith Holdings to close its textile machinery plant at nearby Rochdale, and concentrate its operations on the extended factory of another member company, Robert Pritchard and Sons, at Eury, doubling the labour force at the plant, as part of a £150,000 plant, as part investment programme.

Bury's

Not surprisingly, Bury's industrial development officer. Mr David Gough, says he is " optimistic about the future". But behind this optimism lis problems demanding longer-term solutions and they in turn need finance on a scale that is clearly ruled out by the current restrictions on local authority

spending.
Two elements have played at important parr in keeping un-employment levels in Bury within reasonable bounds. One is that the pattern of working life has changed and a great many people now travel out of the town to work. To some extent Bury, like other formecotton towns, is becoming a dormitory within the Greater Manchester area.

The second element is the

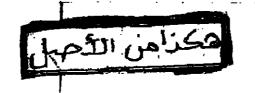
use that has been made of former cotton mills which tend to be located in the central and inner urban areas of the town—in other words, the town grew up around the mills. It now has a total of more than 780 000. 780,000 sq ft of anoccupied factory space-most of it in old cotton mills that are only partly used.

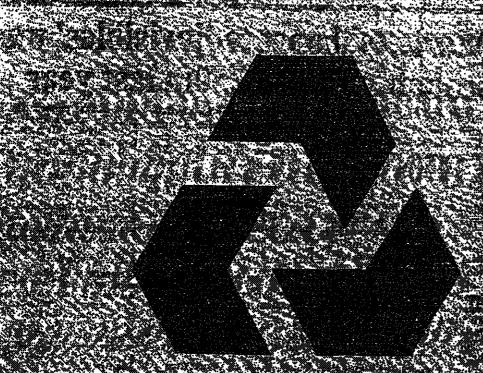
It is a problem shared by most of the old cotton towns, and it is direct consequence of and it is direct consequence in the years they have spent grab-bing any sort of industrial activity which was to be had in order to provide as many new jobs as quickly as possible. Companies looking for cheap accommodation have been inclined to take over the ground floors of the old mills, leaving the rest of the building leaving the rest of the building empty and derelict. Mostly they are highly unsuitable for modern manufacturing opera-

tions.

Bury would like to be rid of its industrial legacy. The best thing that could happen to the old mills is that they should be demolished and that industry should be re-located in the areas scheduled for new industrial development. trial development. But it will take time and a lot of money to achieve this. Meanwhile the mile and their tall chimneys Development Land Tax by remain and the "To let" sight proliferate.

R. W. Shakespeare







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Euromarkets

Most sectors of the Eurobond market were buoyant over the past week as investors reacted avourably to a combination of good names on offer, more generous terms and stable shortterm interest rates for most visue currencies, reports AP— Dow Jones.

About the only questionable area is the Swiss franc sector, where the World Bank was enbarrassed by a 50 per cent cut in the size of its proposed 200m iranc issue (about £45m).

Guilder bonds came into demand on expectations of a Dutch discount rate cut new deutsche mark bonds sold well in a generally good market. Canadian dollar bonds improved on a belief that the recent decline of the Canadian dollar on the foreign exchange market had about run its course and, in the United States dollardenominated sector, prices rose teadily and generally held their gains as the week ended.

Particularly in the dollar sector, underwriters were en-thusiastic about investor response to new issues on offer fidence returning, the calendar of new issues expanded, but by Friday there were no signs of indigestion developing.

talk of this as a bull marker, nowever. He attributed the better performance in part to unexpected steadiness in American short-term interest rates.
This probably reflected mainly a delay in the expected upswing of the American economy as a result of an exceptionally bacsh winter. The belief that interest rates

are moving ahead is reflected in Monday's pricing of a European Investment Bank three-tranche dollar-denominated issue. The area was the Swiss franc sector, seven-year tranche boosted to \$75m from an original \$50m was priced at 100.25 with an 8 per cent coupon, to yield 7.95 per cent. The S50m 10-year tranche carrying an 8.25 per cent conpon, priced at 99.75 to yield 8.29 per cent.

Ourstanding dullar issues on offer at the end of the week included:

Société Nationale Elf-Agurraine \$75m, cight years, rated AA by Moody's, carrying an indicated coupon of \$.25 per cent. Underwriting sources said the issue was likely to sell out. Singer International Securi-

ties, a subsidiary of the American Singer Co, \$50m, five years, 8.75 per cent coupon. EMI Finance BV, a subsidiary of EMI: 530m, 12-year bunds, indicated coupon of 9.25 per

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Political risks force private capital Markets' boost to 'invisibles' was to shun Third World development | probably £200-£250m last year

Since 14 European mining companies (including the four United Kingdom mining finance houses) made a subunsium to the EEC Commission last year the EEC Commission last year on the question of political risk guarantees for investing vast capital sums in projects to secure adequate raw material supplies for Europe, little has been heard of their initiative. That does not mean the matter has been shelved or is even dead but in the nature of

dead, but in the nature of bureaucratic bodies, discussion on the contents and suggestions of the document continues ad nauseam. Since any action would involve the agreement of various appearaments it is hardly surprising there is much discussion the document itself was not

drawn up without considerable debate among the signatories) for the differing attitudes and the practices of various governments (particularly by the Germen authorities) have to be subjugated to a common cause. But while the debate soes on, it does not mean that the root problem has disappeared. Not of course that national priori-ties in the winning and secur-ing of lines of supply are totally neglected by sovereign governments: Mr Beno, in a fine, though no doubt person ally embarrassing, display of putting the national interest before Left wing dogses recently restated the case for not proving against the Lie

Finta-Zinc uranium operations in Namibia. The political risk factors have led to commercial groups shunning the possibilities in meny Third World countries and concentrating on safe areas such as the United States. This has led to a drastic downturn in development in the Third World, a phenomenon which

comment.

Lut while that is avoiding risk in one way, is it not perhaps storing up trouble for the future? This question was posed by Mr Gerald Manners. Reader in Geography at University Culled Loydon when versity College London, when

he delivered the Chester Beatty Lecture in London last week. Mr Manners argued that both from the corporate and national security viewpoints the widest possible geographical range of mineral supplies within reasonable economic limits was highly desirable. But it was precisely this desire for diversity that was becoming difficult to maintain as the number of countries attracting risk capital had

Mining

In 1972 Unctad reported that expansion plans of the iron ore industry in the non-communist world between 1969 and 1975 involved an additional capacity of over 150 million tons. Of this 86 per cent was to be found (in descending order) i Australia, Brazil and Canada.

Mr Manners commented: The question arises, therefore, as to whather recent cor-porate decisions about future mineral supplies taken by and for Western European interests aggregate into an accept-able degree of geographical diversity. If recent tendencies continue, a conflict could well arise between the desire for a geographical diverof mineral supplies for security reasons, and the equally strong preference for investments-a matter weighing alternative risks.

or crea wider international The problem is that it is difficult enough to get a reasonable consensus at national level before one thinks of trying to get the EEC or even a wider group-ing to agree. Mr Manners, for example, charged that "insuf-ficient attention is being given,

"It could demand deliberate political resolution at an EBC

at least in the public arena, to a cluster of non-fuel mineral problems that urgently demand some form of government re-

sponse at both the national and EEC level.".

From the United Kingdom rrom the United Aingdom and European standpoint, little has appurently been done. Mr Manners pointed out that the United States has a National Commission on Materials Policy.

commission on Materials Policy, while the Canadian government had published Towards a Mineral Policy for Canada. In another context, the Australians set up the Fox Commission which had its full findings are published will at least provide a major reference point as far as uranium is concerned. concerned.

Britain is in need of a minerals policy for it has less reserves of non-fuel minerals than the EEC as a whole. Britain has only small reserves of iron ore and even smaller reserves of tin, as Mr Manners

Rowever, while the govern-ment has recognized the impor-tance of uranium wherever it may come from, it is not exactly doing all it could to help the domestic mining industry. For example, it has decreed that investment grants for the mining industry are not elizible after the end of this mouth, with the result that the Cornish tin mines have been racing against the clock to complete their capital expenditure programmes.

When I visited Consolidated Gold Fields Wheal Jane tin mine, near Truro last week, the management was delighted that it had just finished the concentrator extension, which will

allow for the separation of copper and zinc, in time.

The rise in the tin price over the last year has transformed the outlook of the mine. Wheal Jane is a high-cost producerthe management is cox about giving a precise breakeven point but concedes that it would not like to see tin below £5,000. With the LME price happily on the right side of £6,000, Wheal Jane is making a handsome profit, which makes a

Desmond Quigley and effective

contribution of the commodity the whole of the trade in quesmarkets to United Kingdom invisible earnings, undertaken by the Bank of England from June, 1974, to May, 1976, indicate that the popularly quoted figure of £100m is wide of the mark.

The survey shows that for 1974-75 earnings from physical trade in three groups of commodities (foods, fibres and other industrial raw materials) after stock adjustment and the inflow from all futures transactions are each estimated at over £90m. providing a total benefit to the United Kingdom of some £180m.

For 1975-76 figures indicate that total earnings were rather larger, probably within the range of £200m to £250m. It is pointed out in the Bank's Quarterly Bulletin that large fluctuations are to be expected: in particular, there might well be a net outflow from "differ-(gains and losses on ences " futures transactions) in some years. But a sizable net idcome may be expected regularly from physical trade and from commissions for the placing of

futures contracts. The Bank says that the survey concentrated mainly on the commodity market associations with which the Bank has close connexions through exchange

fibres including cotton, jute, sisal and wool; and other industrial raw materials (including copper, lead, silver, tin and zinc) account for the greatest part of United Kingdom firms' turnover in and earnings from, physical trade between foreign countries in all commodities

Firms accounting for virtually tion submitted returns relating to the year ended May, 1975. number—the "selected firms "-agreed to provide returns for a further period to give an indication of how earnings vary. Their figures for

June 1975-May 1976 make it possible to estimate the raure rithin which total earnings for that year probably lay. Another recent survey suggests that stabilizing world copper prices would require an international buffer stock, or a combination of national stock-piles, totalling up to 2.5 mil-lion tonnes, rather than the 500,000 to 800,000 tonnes estimated by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on

Trade and Development. The cost of financing would be just over \$4,000m at a support price of 75 cents per 1b. The study was commissioned by three United States government departments-State, Treasury and Commerce—from Com-modities Research Unit as a basis of discussion and as a contribution to the expert re-search on which international discussions of commodity price
stabilization are now taking is often cited as another factor place. It does not represent official United States Govern-

ment policy or opinion. The study examines the feasibility of nationally-held but internationally-coordinated connexions through exchange stockpiles as a means of price stabilization such as a single international buffer stock of cocoa, coffee, feedstuffs, grains, oils, seeds and fats, sugar; A further rightening of the fibres including cotton, jute, or two, particularly if demand from the Middle East depletes European stocks further, is pre-dicted by Commodines Research Unit in its Metal Monitor on

The monitor says that the Soviet Union, which last year bought about 10,000 tonnes of countries in all commodities lead from the non-socialist and effectively for all futures world, which proved to be a transactions.

price to record levels, has no been buying this year through

Bur demand for substantis tonnages has appeared this month from the Middle East which is likely to be mer by merchants out of stock in Europe. Although this demand the market, it could be a power ful influence when its effect of already low stocks becomes evident, says CRU.

Shortage of metal stacks is another reason for expecting the market to become tighter, save the report. Producer stocks have been falling as consumption has risen. The result is that by the end of 1976 known stocks were lower in relation to consumption than they had been in 1972.

It would take many months of surplus production to raisc world stocks to a burdensome level, says the report. "It is true that LME stocks have scarcely altered this year, but a good part of these are prob-ably committed as a result of forward business, booked by merchants while some of them are not of the right quality or grade for many consumers."

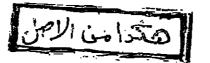
contributing to the shortage of lead, CRU adds that its inquiries suggest that the opposite is true. "In the UK there is general agreement that anti-monial and soft lead scrap has been plentiful for the past year, thanks to high sterling prices for lead.

"There is a belief in London that the scrap market is much tighter elsewhere in Europe, but that since the start of this year the high lead price has brought out ample supplies of scrap. And in the US our reports also suggest that there is no shortage of scrap, although bad weather may have hindered its collection for a while?

> Wallace Jackson Commodities Editor

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